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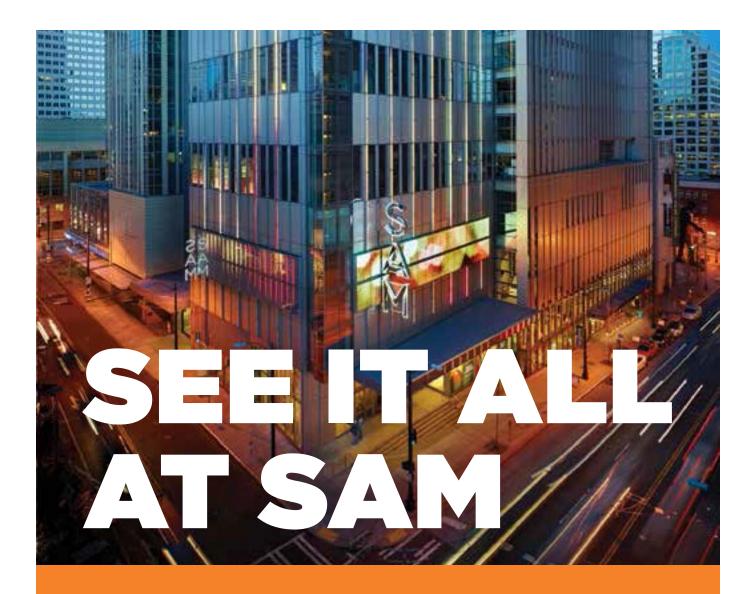


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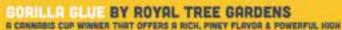


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We Were New Here Once, We Remember How It Feels, and We're Happy to Show You Around

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Where will you eat? The Stranger's food critic has an email she sends to friends when they visit from out of town, and even though that information has been kept from the public for years, we bribed her into letting us publish it. Her

TEN FAVORITE RESTAU-**RANTS** are on **P. 9.** followed by fifty other restaurants we love too, on P. 12.

Our guide to BARS AND CLUBS is on P. 17.

To see who's playing in town tonight, no matter what day of the year it is, go to THESTRANGER. **COM/EVENTS**. There isn't a thing happening in town that isn't listed there.

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And we weren't kidding about the weed: If you're 21, you can just walk into a store and buy it. Where you can smoke up is another matter. If you're here to GET HIGH, see P. 43.

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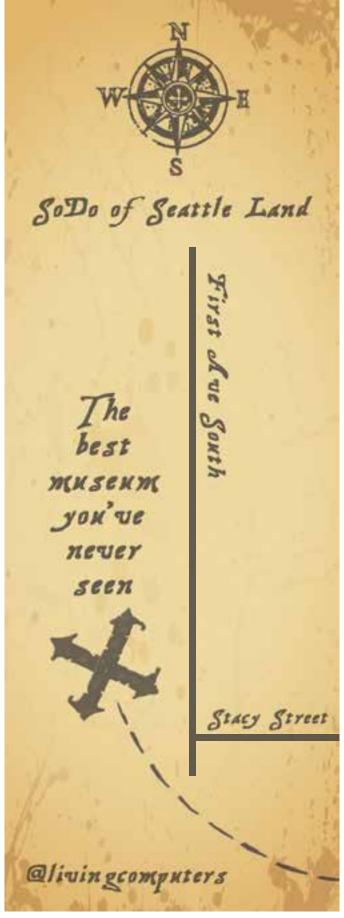
Oh yeah, and **WE HAVE A** MONORAIL. All it does is go back and forth between a shopping mall downtown and the Space Needle, though. It's cute, but basically useless.



SEATTLE NEIGHBORHOODS

- 1. Capitol Hill
- 2. First Hill
- 3. Downtown
- 4. Pioneer Square
- 5. Central District
- 6. Fremont
- 7. Ballard
- 8. Queen Anne (Lower and Upper)
- 9. Columbia City/Rainier Valley

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10 Restaurants I Recommend to Friends When They Visit Seattle

As a Food Critic, I Get Asked This Question a ot. By Angela Garbes



Ba Bar Central District

Ba Bar fuses two of Seattle's strongest culinary forces—pho, the Vietnamese rice noodle soup that is the lifeblood of the city; and an obsession with local, high-quality ingredients-into an affordable menu of Vietnamese street food made with responsibly raised meats. Rich, aromatic bowls of broth are filled with oxtail, brisket, and eveof-round from Painted Hills ranches; the succulent, rotisserie-roasted pork belly that sits atop fresh banh hoi noodles comes from Oregon's Carlton Farms. The cocktails are good, and the food is served until late-11 p.m. on weeknights, 4 a.m. on weekends. 550 12th Ave, 328-2030, babarseattle.com

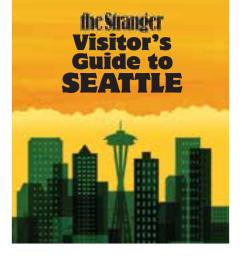
* If you're not looking for a sit-down meal but still want to try some Vietnamese food (maybe for a picnic?): Go to SAIGON

DELI (1237 S Jackson St) in the International District for banh mi and rice paper rolls.

Corson Building

Georgetown

If you're willing to spend more money, Chef Matt Dillon has rightfully earned a reputation for crafting food that both defines and is defined by the bounty of the Pacific Northwest. It's easy enough (and certainly worth your while) to eat at Dillon's restaurants SITKA & SPRUCE, BAR SAJOR, and the LONDON PLANE, but if you have the time to seek out the Corson Building, a house and garden with limited hours hidden underneath a highway overpass in the industrial neighborhood of Georgetown, the rewards will be significant. On Thursday and Friday nights, choose dishes from chef Emily Crawford's handwritten menus filled



with summer dishes such as braised pork with zucchini, plums, and radicchio, and marinated squid with melon, cucumbers, and shishito peppers. On Saturday and Sunday, dinners are prix fixe feasts drawn from the same seasonal inspirations.

5609 Corson Ave S, 762-3330, thecorsonbuilding.com

Fonda La Catrina

Georgetown

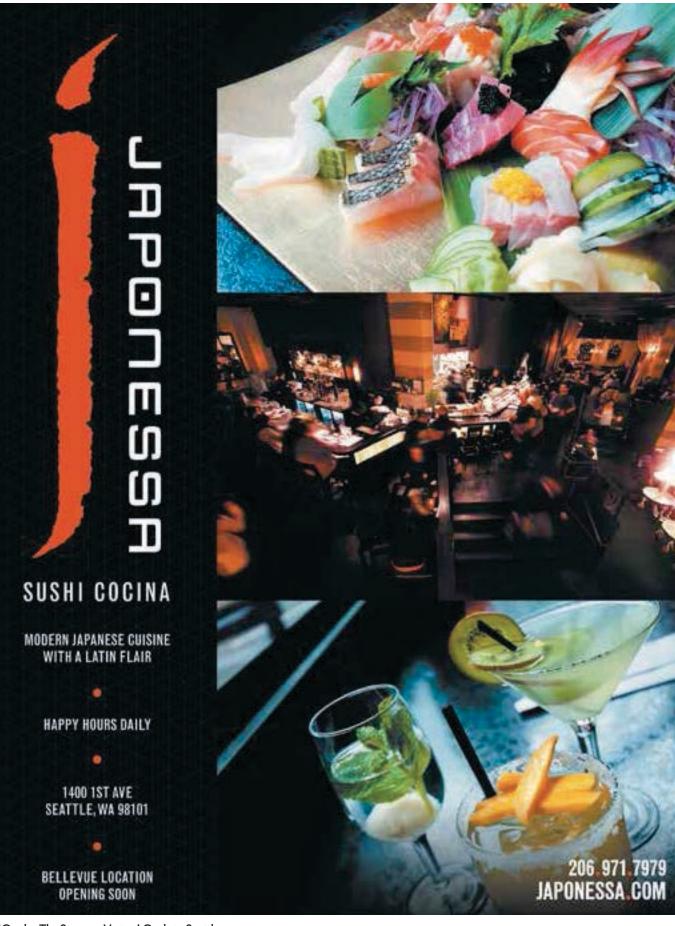
Seattleites, like everyone else in America, eat plenty of quick meals of burritos and tacos. But when they want to sit down to flavorful, home-style Mexican food, they head to Georgetown's Fonda La Catrina for handmade tortillas, long-simmered pozole, fiery camarones sautéed in a crimson chile de árbol sauce, grass-fed hanger steak tacos, and slow-roasted cochinita pibil. (Tasty margaritas and cocktails are also a draw.) The love extends beyond the food into the welcoming space and service, including a back patio, which can accommodate large groups and all ages with grace and ease. If there's a wait (and there usually is), those over 21 can pass the time next door at Catrina's sibling bar, EL SIRENITO, with drinks, an extensive selection of tequilas and mezcal, and snacks such as ceviche and

5905 Airport Way S, 767-2787, fondalacatrina.com

Pike Place Market

Downtown

There's a reason Pike Place Market is always filled with tourists: It's magic. Wander through cobblestones and tiled hallways, amid beautiful produce, artisan cheeses, pickles, and breads, and—most striking abundant, fresh seafood. Eat Dungeness crab and steamer clams at JACK'S FISH SPOT: chowder, blackened salmon and halibut sandwiches at the MARKET GRILL; and shucked-to-order oysters ordered off the brown paper bag menus at EMMETT



WATSON'S OYSTER BAR.

And no Seattle place is more magical than the lounge at the **ATHENIAN INN** during happy hour, which runs from 4 to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Four dollars gets you a frosty mug of draft beer—so cold, a crust of icy crystals forms on top of the glass. Squeeze into one of the bar's tiny wooden booths, order the fried calamari, and then stare at the Olympic mountains, Puget Sound, and the ferries shuttling back and forth across the water. This is Seattle; there's nothing better.

First Ave and Pike St, pikeplacemarket.org

Il Corvo

Pioneer Square

You know you've found Pioneer Square's II Corvo when you see a line of people snaking out of its unassuming storefront and up James Street. Chef and owner Mike Easton wanted to be able to spend time with his family, so he only serves one meal a day-lunch-and only from Monday to Friday. Turns out you can make a living in the restaurant industry without sacrificing too much-but only if your food makes no sacrifices when it comes to artistry and flavor. With the exception of the ever-present rigatoni Bolognese, Easton's brief menu of three handmade pastas, as well as a few antipasti, changes daily. Spring brings sauces such as wild nettle béchamel, while summer brings dishes such as cavatelli with sweet corn. Over the years, Il Corvo's beautiful, rustic food has become an integral part of how Seattleites track and understand the changing seasons.

217 James St, 538-0999, ilcorvopasta.com

Maneki

International District

Seattle's oldest Japanese restaurant is also its best. Maneki opened in 1904 and, under the loving direction of longtime owner Jean Nakayama, is still doing steady business today. Maneki serves beautiful, fresh, and reasonably priced sushi—don't miss the wild salmon and aji horse mackerel—as well as hot izakaya dishes including broiled, miso-marinated black cod collar, chicken karaage, and handmade gyoza. In the 100-plus years that the restaurant has been in existence, it's only had one major interruption to business: when it shut down because the US government sent Japanese Americans to internment camps during World War II.

304 Sixth Ave S, 622-2631, manekirestaurant.com

* Another sushi recommendation: If you have the time and money for a decadent dinner, head to the sushi counter at Pike Place Market's SUSHI KASHIBA (86



Pine St), where master Shiro Kashiba (who installed Seattle's first sushi bar at Maneki) will serve you a leisurely, multicourse feast. The meal will consist of the freshest seafood available, prepared and presented with a variety of techniques, and lightly seasoned to highlight the natural flavors of each fish.

Meskel

Central District

East Africans are one of the fastest-growing immigrant populations in Seattle, which means that the city is awash in a number of excellent Ethiopian and Eritrean restaurants. In their dining rooms, the lingering scent of incense commingles with the intoxicating aroma of the dozen or so spices—chilies, paprika, cinnamon, ginger, cardamom, clove, and more—that make up berbere, the complex seasoning that is the backbone of the cuisines. Meskel, located in a house on the corner of Cherry Street and 26th Avenue in the Central District, is one of the city's most consistent sources of excellent, deeply flavorful stews made with berbere, lentils, chicken, and lamb. It's all served family-style over spongy, tangy injera bread, which you feast on with your bare hands.

2605 E Cherry St, 860-1724, meskelrestaurant.com

Palace Kitchen

Downtown

Tom Douglas is Seattle's most well-known chef. He's also the city's most prolific restaurateur, the owner of more than a dozen restaurants ranging from seafood to wood-fired pizza to Italian to Pan-Asian.

But the best Tom Douglas restaurant is downtown's Palace Kitchen, open since 1996, where much of the cooking is done over a wood-fired grill, and much of the produce comes from Douglas's own farm in Eastern Washington. The food is unfussy and familiar, executed at a high level, and guaranteed to please both out-of-town visitors and jaded locals. The Palace Burger is possibly the city's original gourmet burger, and still one of its greatest. The full dinner menu is served until 1 a.m. Hold out for a booth; you can always wait and have a few drinks at the bar.

2030 Fifth Ave, 448-2001, palacekitchen.com

Peloton

Central District

Seattle is known as a coffee town—and for good reason. Every day, we spend hours within the coffee-scented walls of its many neighborhood cafes, having meetings, reading books, and answering e-mails. Cafes are where Seattleites go for caffeine, community, and, increasingly, great food. No other cafe embodies the ethos behind the city's food as well its uninhibited, creative energy more than Capitol Hill's Peloton, where chef Mckenzie Hart puts together hearty and vibrant salads and sandwiches with seasonal and local ingredients. Peloton is equal parts cafe and bicycle shop—you can enjoy your avocado toast while soaking in a bit of the city's thriving bike culture as well.

1220 E Jefferson St, 569-4265, pelotonseattle.com

The Whale Wins

Fremont

Earlier this year, chef Renee Erickson was deservedly named the 2016 Best Chef Northwest by the James Beard Foundation. Her food—a rustic sort of French-by-wayof-the-Pacific-Northwest cuisine—feels as simple as it does refined, a feat made possible by her deep understanding of the ingredients that came from both the land and waters of the region. You can line up for oysters at her Ballard restaurant the WALRUS AND THE **CARPENTER**, or eat grass-fed steaks raised on her Whidbey Island farm at Capitol Hill's **BATEAU**, but a meal at the Whale Wins, where the kitchen is overseen by Erickson's longtime collaborator Marie Rutherford, makes for the most satisfying meal. Chickens, côte de boeuf, and local clams are roasted in a woodfired oven, and served alongside pickled spot prawns or smoked potatoes with preserved lemon butter in an airy, light-filled space that feels like a more elegant, and more delicious, version of home.

3506 Stone Way N, 632-9425, thewhalewins.com

50 More Restaurants We Recommend

Seattle Is Going Through a Restaurant Boom—Here Are Some More Places You Should Try

Ballard

BRIMMER & HEELTAP

New American

425 NW Market St, 206-420-2534 brimmerandheeltap.com

CAFE MUNIR

Lebanese

2408 NW 80th St, 206-783-4190 cafemunir.blogspot.com

SEÑOR MOOSE CAFE

Mexican

5242 Leary Ave NW, 206-784-5568 senormoose com

Beacon Hill BAR DEL CORSO

Italian

3057 Beacon Ave S, 206-395-2069 bardelcorso.com

EL QUETZAL

Mexican

3209 Beacon Ave S. 206-329-2970



GREEN LEAF

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2800 First Ave, 206-448-3318 greenleaftaste.com

TAVOLÀTA

Italian

2323 Second Ave, 206-838-8008 ethanstowellrestaurants.com/

TILIKUM PLACE CAFE European

407 Cedar St, 206-282-4830 tilikumplacecafe.com

Capitol Hill

ΙΔDΚ

Northwest Cuisine

952 E Seneca St. 206-323-5275 larkseattle.com

MAMNOON Middle Eastern

1501 Melrose Ave, 206-906-9606 mamnoonrestaurant.com

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New American

1412 E Union, 206-441-9842 marjorierestaurant.com

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New American



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622 Broadway E, 206-324-1108 poppyseattle.com/index.html

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1215 Pine St. 206-621-7941 machiavellis.com

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332 15th Ave E, 206-7091900 smithseattle.com

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Seafood

1521 Melrose Ave, 206-501-4321 tayloroysterbars.com

Central District

MESKEL

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2605 E Cherry St, 206-860-1724 Meskelrestaurant.com

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1919 S Jackson St, 206-322-3378

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LA MEDUSA

Italian

4857 Rainier Ave S, 206-723-2192 lamedusarestaurant.com/index.htm

Downtown

EMMETT WATSON'S OYS-TER BAR

Seafood

1916 Pike Pl, Ste 16, 206-448-7721

LE CAVISTE

French

1919 Seventh Ave, 206-728-2657 lecavisteseattle.com

MARKET GRILL

Seafood

1509 Pike Pl #3, (206) 682-2654

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Northwest Cuisine

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300 E Pike St, 206-557-7273 statesideseattle.com/main.shtml

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Sushi

86 Pine St, Suite 1, 206-441-8844 sushikashiba.com

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PAM'S KITCHEN

Caribbean

609 Eastlake Ave E, 206-420-2320

SUSHI KAPPO TAMURA

2968 Eastlake Ave E, 206-547-0937 sushikappotamura.com

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RESTAURANT ROUX

French-Creole

4201 Fremont Ave N, 206-547-5420 restaurantroux.com

REVEL

Korean

403 N 36th St, 206-547-2040 revelseattle.com

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5606 First Ave S, 206-762-7900 slimslastchance.com

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2101 N 55th St, 206-545-9050 kisaku.com

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2108 N 55th St. 206-812-1580 ethanstowellrestaurants.com

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418 8th Ave S, 206-340-1388 greenleaftaste.com

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1207 S Jackson St, Suite 101, 206-568-1268

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7845 Lake City Way NE, 206-527-8888

Pioneer Square DAMN THE WEATHER

Gastropub

116 First Ave S, 206-555-1234 damntheweather.com

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100 Prefontaine PI S, 206-682-2175 labodegaseattle.com

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2404 NE 65th St salarerestaurant.com

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4220 University Way NE, 206-633 1458

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4543 University Way NE, 206-548-9548 manekirestaurant.com

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3506 Stone Way N, 206-632-1913 joulerestaurant.com

PAM'S KITCHEN

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Here Are the Essential Venues for Cocktails, Craft Beer, and Live Music.

GAY BARS

By Stranger Things Things To Do staff



MUSIC VENUES Chop Suey

Capitol Hill

Following an ownership changeover, Chop Suev has gone from oddly-Asian-themed bar and secret live-music powerhouse underdog to still confusingly decorated music venue that now has a side bar and second stage in its "Den." It also has pinball machines, a mostly functioning (as opposed to previously never functioning) photo booth, and a kitchen window from which to buy chicken and other fried delights. What remains the same is its eclectic array of fairly priced live music, from hiphop to metal to singer-songwriter types, almost every night of the week.

1325 E Madison St, 206-538-0556, chopsuey.com

Columbia City Theater

Columbia City

This beautiful midsize theater located in the heart of Columbia City was originally a vaudeville theater—the oldest in Washington State, having opened in 1917—and is rumored to be one of the first venues to host the Seattle-born Jimi Hendrix. Since reopening in 2010, it has played host to burlesque shows, a variety of local musicians from all backgrounds, and other fun things (visual art vignettes, belly dancing, and folk music showcases among them) most nights of the week.

4916 Rainier Ave S, 206-722-3009, columbiacitytheater.com

Crocodile

Belltown

One of Seattle's favorite music venues since the beginning of time (or at least grunge) got a swanky makeover back in 2009, with skylights, a proper mezzanine, dark red walls, and marble countertops in the bathrooms. Their impressive résumé of former gigs includes Nirvana, Pearl Jam, Macklemore, and Alabama Shakes, and their calendar runs the gamut from hiphop to metal and folk. Also: wood-fired pizza in the Back Bar, seven nights a week. 2200 Second Ave, 206-441-4618, thecrocodile.com

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El Corazon and the Funhouse

Eastlake

Focused on hardcore, punk, screamo, and metal, El Corazón ("The Heart," a reference to the fact that the space has been a live music venue, bar, or club since 1910) has a show nearly every single night. The beloved punk dive Funhouse has also been resurrected (after losing its lease near the Space Needle in 2012) in a second room and features more "intimate" head-banging bills. And if punk music gives you a craving for waffles or wings, the Eastlake Waffle Window is open from 3 to 11 p.m. on weekdays and occasionally on weekends. 109 Eastlake Ave E. 206-262-0482. elcorazonseattle.com

Highline

Capitol Hill

Highline is Seattle's preeminent spot to get vegan comfort food and tinnitus. It's the only place where you can consume sandwiches like the Weedeater (marinated portobello mushroom cutlets), soy fish tacos, gluten-free poutine, and drink cocktails named after the world's heaviest rock groups... and hear some of the world's foremost death-metal bands.

210 Broadway E, 206-328-7837, highlineseattle.com

Highway 99 Blues Club

Downtown

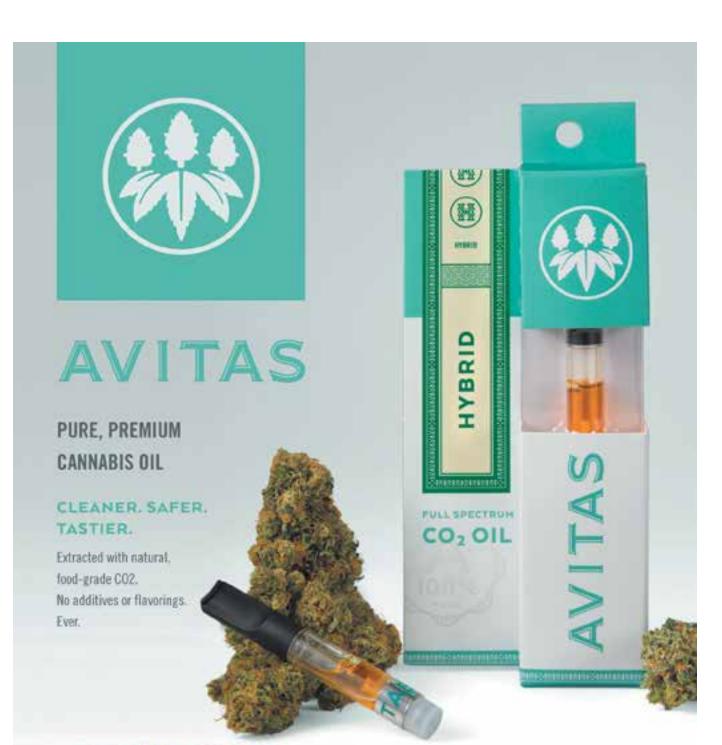
The Highway 99 Blues club offers music every night (except Sunday, 'cause they're closed), Southern food, and drinks, in an awesome juke-joint atmosphere.

1414 Alaskan Way, 206-382-2171, highway99blues.com

Jazz Alley

Downtown

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dinner service, cocktails, and world-renowned jazz and fusion acts for all who wander there. Hot tip: It's also all ages, all the time (just not in the bar, sorry). 2033 Sixth Ave, 206-441-9729, jazzalley.com

Little Red Hen

Green Lake

This honky-tonk dive bar has live country music most nights of the week, karaoke, and free country dance lessons on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, taught by a really nice lady. 7115 Woodlawn Ave NE, 206-522-1168, littleredhen.com

Nectar

Fremont

Offering a strange brew of live music, relatively new space Nectar was built in 2004 and tends toward reggae, hiphop, bluegrass, and EDM in a nicely airy space, including a patio and multiple levels indoors.

412 N 36th St, 206-632-2020, nectarlounge.com

Neumos and Barboza

Capitol Hill

One of the most respected and reliable venues in the city as far as booking talent goes, Neumos is the hub around which Capitol Hill rotates. Its relatively small room is invariably packed to capacity as people dance or sway to the latest mega-hyped act to roll through town. Located in the Neumos basement, Barboza is a sweaty, intimate little shoebox-shaped room that hosts a wide range of up-and-coming local and national talent. 925 E Pike St, 206-709-9442, neumos.com, thebarboza.com

Re-bar

Downtown

Re-bar has something for everyone: booze, theater and arts performances, dancing, rock 'n' roll, drag queens... and a great, rare live-and-let-live atmosphere. If you're experiencing the "Seattle freeze," head to this eminently friendly, welcoming, weirdo dive. 1114 Howell St, 206-233-9873, rebarseattle.com

Rendezvous

Belltown

Now 90 years old, the Rendezvous oozes character and history. Its decadent glamour is evident in its restored 1923 Jewelbox Theater, the Red Velvet Lounge, and its downstairs Grotto, thought to be the venue's original speakeasy. The entertainment



schedule includes the female-focused Comedy Nest on Tuesdays, a variety show from local celebrity Emmett Montgomery on Mondays, weird music, and burlesque. It all seems more momentous amid the Rendezvous's comfy confines and fading elegance. 2322 Second Ave, 206-441-5823, therendezvous.rocks

The Royal Room

Columbia City

A wood-bedecked space with great acoustics in Columbia City, the Royal Room made its name on jazz bookings (it is partially the brainchild of musician and composer Wayne Horvitz) but has since expanded into folk, world music, and multimedia events. 5000 Rainier Ave S, 206-906-9920, theroyalroomseattle.com

Showbox

Downtown

The Showbox is a great place to see a show, even when it's sold out. There's hardly a bad sight line in the house, it's got two bars, and the room has the classic charm of an old theater. Their summer calendar ranges from Ja Rule and Ashanti (August 30) to O.A.R. (September 21) to metal band Periphery (August 17).

1426 First Ave, 206-628-3151, showboxpresents.com

Sunset Tavern and Tractor Tavern

Ballard

Dropping in on a quality live music set is easy in central Ballard, with the Sunset and Tractor Taverns down the street from each other. On the north end of Ballard Avenue

Northwest is the Sunset, a former Chinese restaurant that's now a fun, divey rock-androll bar with lingering-red-and-lanterny decor, plenty of live music and karaoke, a photo booth, and friendly bartenders. The Tractor holds court just two blocks away, with gritty Americana decor, PBR tallboys, and the best selection of live local and national alt-country, rockabilly, old-time, folk, blues, and bluegrass bands in town. Sunset Tavern: 5433 Ballard Ave NW, 206-784-4880, sunsettavern.com; Tractor Tavern: 5213 Ballard Ave NW, 206-789-3599, tractortavern.com

The Triple Door

Downtown

The Triple Door is the swankiest sit-down live music venue in Seattle—lush darkness and twinkling lights, an antique gold-framed stage with plush red curtains, and great semi-circular booths with table service from the Asian-fusion Wild Ginger restaurant. Upstairs, there's the Musicquarium Lounge, a soothing grotto of a room with a giant fish tank, a great happy hour, and free live music or DJs nightly.

216 Union St, 206-838-4333, thetripledoor.net

DANCE CLUBS Aston Manor

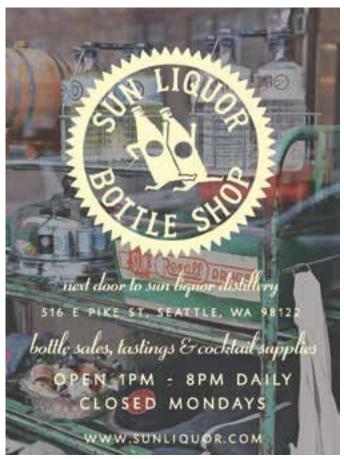
Downtown

Inspired by the fake legend of 1920s Seattle bootlegger Roy Aston, the Aston Manor caters to the well-dressed weekend-specific set, with a richly furnished lounge, EDM and trap-heavy dance floor, and Prohibition-era inspired cocktails.

2946 First Ave S, 206-382-7855, astonmanorsea.com







Baltic Room

Capitol Hill

The Baltic Room hosts top-shelf DJs and occasional live acts with superb sound, an intimate dance floor, and plenty of seating room. The place is swank without being stuffy, and when the dance floor fills up it feels more like a house party than a nightclub.

1207 Pine St, 206-625-4444, balticroom.com

Club Contour

Pioneer Square

For those who embrace the late-night Pioneer Square scene (that is to say, the dense fabric of dance-centric clubs and DJ spots littering the neighborhood with high energy and loud sounds), Contour regularly stays open well past 2 a.m. on Thursdays and Fridays with a frenetic DJs-and-dancing scene. Cheapskates know Contour as the place with the shockingly inexpensive, pretty darn good happy-hour food menu. 807 First Ave S, 206-447-7704, clubcontour.com

Foundation Nightclub

Belltown

Foundation has made a quick name for itself as a destination hot spot for Belltown bar-hoppers and luxury condo types alike with a top-notch sound system and an international roster of heavyweight DJs stopping through. Their resident talent includes such local luminaries as Darrius, FooFou, and Johnny Monsoon.

2218 Western Ave, Suite 100, 206-535-7285, foundation-nightclub.com

Havana

Capitol Hill

With its high ceilings, mirrored bar, and vintage Cuban decor, Havana is airy and elegant, and they serve mojitos for as long as you want them. Every night has a different DJ, usually a good one, and themes including old school 1990s on Tuesdays and rare and popular soul on Thursdays. 1010 E Pike St, 206-323-2822, havanasocial.com

Kremwerk

Downtown

Known for hosting excellent and eclectic live electronic sets, DJ nights, drag competitions, and queer artist showcases, Kremwerk is a futuristic bunker of a club, situated in a blue-tinted basement in the heart of downtown.

1809 Minor Ave #10, 206-682-2935, kremwerk.com

Monkey Loft

Downtown

Monkey Loft is a surprisingly intimate cocktail bar and DJ venue in Sodo, with an attempted industrial aesthetic and a destination vibe for dance music enthusiasts. Placing them above the competition is their "Deck," an outdoor after-hours patio with a fireplace, several seating areas, and pretty incredible skyline views.

2915 First Ave S

Q Nightclub

Capitol Hill

Q's interior is sort of like where you'd expect the cast of Star Trek: Deep Space *Nine* to party—a wavy collection of pillars and rounded walls in a cavernous but beautifully lit space with lights and a huge wall for visual projections. Their bathrooms are next-level bonkers. They also host world-renowned DJs, local house music talent, and have an all-around solid crew of resident spinners.

1426 Broadway, 206-432-9306, qnightclub.com

Trinity Nightclub

Pioneer Square

This is a massive two-tiered, three-room nightclub that features different music in every room, dim sum, and serious partying (like weekly-beer-pong-tournaments-style partying). Plus, it has a stringent dress code, summed up on its website as "No effort, no entry."

111 Yesler Way, 206-697-7702, trinitynightclub.com

BARS

Add-a-Ball

Fremont

Hidden beneath the Piece of Mind tobacco shop, Add-a-Ball is a retro-style arcade and pinball joint that serves booze and snacks to its quarter-laden patrons. It's like the basement you wish you'd had when you were 14, if you were 14 in 1983. They also have a huge back room named Point Break with a whole wall of diner-booth tables so you can hang out forever playing weird and awesome pinball.

315 N 36th St #2b, 206-696-1613, add-a-ball.com

Blue Moon Tavern

University District

With us since 1934 (soon after the repeal

of Prohibition in December 1933), the Blue Moon is dingy but well-loved, and prettv much evervone is welcome on its bar stools (Richard Hugo and Allen Ginsberg have even been on them). Plus, it hosts a wide variety of local talent, from stand-up comedians to live music, almost every night of the week.

712 NE 45th St. 206-675-9116. bluemoonseattle.wordpress.com

Bush Garden

International District

The Japanese food at Bush Garden isn't anything special, but the place itself sure is. The foyer is the strangest in Seattle: Fantastical, dark, coiled tree branches dangle from the ceiling, and an elaborate fountain that appears not to have seen water in many years is crossed by a tiny bridge, on its shore a dusty bonsai. The bar has rolly-aroundy upholstered chairs and a faux pagoda roof; it is not too bright, not too dim; the temperature is always perfect; one of two completely wonderful, raspy-voiced bartenders is always working. The bar menu never changes, and a warm towel is brought to you in a little basket upon the ordering of food. Karaoke here (held Monday-Saturday at 9 p.m. and Sunday at 5 p.m.) is especially marvelous.

614 Maynard Ave S, 206-682-6830, bushgarden.net

Garage

Capitol Hill

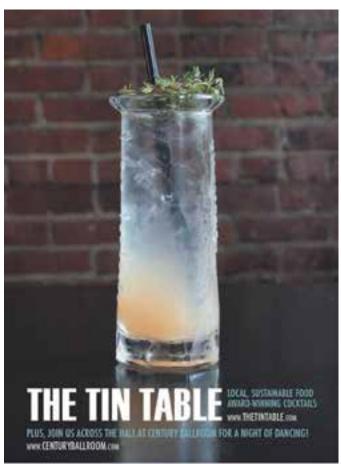
Come to the Garage for bowling and billiards (cheap during the daily happy hour from 3 to 7 p.m. and late night, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. happy hour on weeknights) in a pretty, late 1920s setting with unusual and above-average pub food that includes truffle potato chips, poutine, and garlic kale. Dogs are allowed on the (heated) patio! 1130 Broadway, 206-322-2296, garagebilliards.com

Hattie's Hat

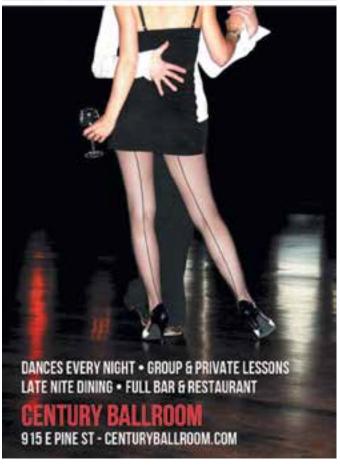
Ballard

With stiff drinks and good food, 100-plusyear-old Hattie's is one of Ballard's most beloved dives. The all-American menu has everything from classic burgers with sweet-potato fries to smoked-salmon club sandwiches and buttermilk-soaked fried chicken (with good stuff for vegetarians, too). There's also karaoke on second and fourth Thursdays and, occasionally, other live music in the bar.

5231 Ballard Ave NW, 206-784-0175, hatties-hat.com









Linda's

Capitol Hill

Under the baleful watch of a taxidermied buffalo, Capitol Hill has hung out at western-themed Linda's with shots and pitchers of beer for two-plus decades now, with the additional benefits of a pool table, a good jukebox, comfy booths, and a-okay burgers. Weekend breakfasts are served till the generous-to-the-hungover hour of 3 p.m., and the back patio is pure summertime awesomeness; get there early to stake out a table on sunny days. (Tourist note: This is reportedly the last place Kurt Cobain was seen alive.)

The Mecca Cafe & Bar

Lower Queen Anne

On one side, the Mecca is an old-timey counter-and-booth-style diner for those times when only dependable diner food can hit the spot—and dependable it is. On a bad day, one of their good greasy breakfasts or hot, open-faced turkey sandwiches might just save your life. On the other side, there's one of the world's best dive bars—narrow, noisy, well-loved, serving cheap and strong drinks with a no-nonsense attitude. The bar is always dark and timeless and weatherless, like an alcoholic submarine; you can still smell the scent of cigarettes past.

526 Queen Anne Ave N, 206-285-9728, mecca-cafe.com

E. Olive Way bars

Capitol Hill

The downhill swing of 1351-1355-1361 E Olive Way includes an array of bars for many interests. Start at PIE BAR, an identical-twins-owned establishment that combines your two insatiable cravings-alcohol and baked goods—in one tiny hamlet. Next door is SPECKLED & DRAKE, a duckthemed dive with occasional DJ nights that caters to those who just want some whiskey and a dark corner (and a surprisingly high-functioning photo booth). Last on the block is JOHN JOHN'S GAME ROOM, the perfect spot for anyone looking to blow \$50 in quarters on Golden Axe, or at least \$20 on cheap beer and congenial arcade company. Pie Bar: 1361 E Olive Way, 206-257-1459, piebarcapitolhill.com; Speckled & Drake: 1355 E Olive Way, 917-476-9328; John John's Game Room: 1351 E Olive Way, 206-696-1613, johnjohnsgameroom.com

Orient Express

Sodo

The Orient Express is a karaoke bar and

Chinese and Thai food restaurant (try the crab rangoon), inside of a series of antique refurbished train cars. If you need more than that to have a good time, you're on your own. 2963 Fourth Ave S, 206-682-0683, seattleorientexpress.com

Pacific Inn Pub

Fremont

The Pacific Inn Pub is an unpretentious place to drink with cheap beer, a jukebox, and superb fish 'n' chips. Located in the Stone Way crawlspace between Fremont and Wallingford, this true neighborhood dive is sure to please all old-school Seattle enthusiasts.

3501 Stone Way N, 206-547-2967

Pine Box

Capitol Hill

Headed by Ian Roberts (a founder of Seattle Beer Week), the Pine Box enlivens its (gorgeous) mortuary setting with more than 30 beers on tap and pretty good pizza. Mostly, the Pine Box works marvelously as a beer hall. It's loud and lovely and a lot of fun. 1600 Melrose Ave, 206-588-0375, pineboxbar.com

Slim's Last Chance Chili Shack & Watering Hole

Georgetown

Slim's has a great country-time roadhouse vibe; in summertime, bands play on the bed of an old Ford F-600 in the big backyard while happy people lounge at picnic tables. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights are half-price nights, when there is Americana, punk, and rock music, respectively. The chilis range from traditional Texas Red (all beef, no beans) to alternative (turkey and white bean). They're all good, and served either straight-up or, ingeniously, ladled over your choice of white cheddar grits or jalapeño mac 'n' cheese.

5606 First Ave S, 206-762-7900,

Spinnaker Bay Brewing

Hillman City

The neighborhood of Hillman City is home to a growing number of great places to eat and drink, such as Big Chickie, Tin Umbrella Coffee, Union Bar, and the brand-new Slow Boat Tavern. It's also home to Spinnaker Bay Brewing, Washington's only 100-percent women-owned microbrewery. Owners Janet Spindler and Elissa Pryor don't hold back, brewing robust, flavorful—and strong—beers. At 6-plus percent alcohol, their

lightest beer is a crisp and slightly fruity pale ale, but the other three tasty brews—an IPA, a Scottish ale, and a porter—all clock in at more than 8 percent. Bonus: live music (including the brewery's monthly All-Star Women's Jam on third Fridays that features a rotating roster of female blues musicians) and rotating food trucks!

5718 Rainier Ave S, 206-725-2337, spinnakerbaybrewing.com

Unicorn and Narwhal

Capitol Hill

The Unicorn, with its absurd name, rampant stripes, salvaged carousel panels, and menagerie of taxidermy, is insane. The bar serves Jell-O shots, and the place gets wild. The food is carnival-style deep-fry, including various corn-dog configurations, unicorn balls, and elephant ears, as well as good, inexpensive burgers made with Painted Hills beef. Additionally, you may have them DEEP-FRY AN ENTIRE HAMBURGER. Downstairs lies Narwhal, Unicorn's secondary bar, which hosts additional sources of alcohol, as well as arcade games, extremely dark corners, and a stage from which small glories like the weekly Mimosas with Mama drag brunch are recurrently presented. 1118 E Pike St, 206-325-6492, unicornseattle.com

Vermillion

Capitol Hill

Vermillion is an art gallery in the front, while in the back there's the world's pleasantest surprise of a bar—a room that feels both cavernous and comfortable, with no natural light but yet perfect lighting. A jukebox plays great old 45s, an assortment of board games is on offer, wine is inexpensive, and simple, delicious snacks are available. Vermillion possesses the massive virtue of being wonderful without trying too hard.

1508 11th Ave, 206-709-9797, vermillionseattle.com

Vito's

First Hill

After a sad absent spell, Vito's reopened in the fall of 2010 and returned to its old-school 1950s Italiano-style glory, with dark-red vinyl booths, central bar, a grand piano, and loungeact entertainers including some great jazz (and never a cover charge). Where mobsters and mayors and priests (and doctors getting smashed and gangstas shooting guns) once convened, a cocktail and a plate of pasta wait for you. The ace bar staff, looking dapper, mix a perfect martini.

927 Ninth Ave, 206-397-4053, vitosseattle.com







Tourist Attractions That Don't Suck

I've Lived Here for More Than 20 Years—Take It From Me. These Are Worth It. By Sean Nelson





Pike Place Market

Downtown

Go watch the men throw the fish at Pike Place Market. This photo's much calmer than what's usually going on. Only open during the day.

First Ave and Pike St, free, pikeplacemarket.org

Underground Tour

Pioneer Square

I've lived in Seattle for 23 years, and not until recently did I learn that Elliott Bay is deeper than the Space Needle is tall. That's because, like a fool, I waited more than two decades to take Bill Speidel's Underground Tour. Don't do as I did. Go and learn about how Seattle's original streets were once literal rivers of human waste, how a benevolent prostitute created the public education system, and how a lazy immigrant started the fire that burned it all down in 1889. This city, like so many other pre- and postindustrial American conurbations, was founded and framed by thieves and idiots. The tour was created in 1965 by an ambitious publicist who both understood and typified

the maxim of the entrepreneurial huckster: If you've got a giant pile of garbage that you can't dispose of, put a sign on it that says "Private Property."

614 First Ave, 682-4646, \$20, undergroundtour.com

Space Needle

Seattle Center

I suggest you take the 43-second, 520-foot elevator ride to the top of the Space Needle, where you can hang out at the observation deck as long as you like. Go at dusk. If you have money to burn, you may want to eat in the rotating SkyCity Restaurant. But if it's raining or foggy, it won't be worth it. Best thing to do in that case: Go to spaceneedle. com/webcam, and click "best views" on the upper right corner of your screen.

400 Broad St, \$22, spaceneedle.com

Smith Tower

Downtown

Less flashy and less expensive than the Space Needle, the observation deck on the 35th floor of the Smith Tower is still very

much worth it. This was once the tallest structure west of the Mississippi River. 506 Second Ave. 622-3131, \$7.50. smithtower.com

Ballard Locks

Ballard

The fresh water in Lake Washington and Lake Union is about 20 feet higher than the salt water in Puget Sound. More boats travel through these locks than any other locks in the United States, and a million people per year gather round to watch it happen. You can spend a few minutes here, or all day. Check out the fish ladder viewing area to watch shiny little salmon swimming for their lives.

3015 NW 54th St, 783-7059, free, ballardlocks.org

Fremont Troll

Fremont

Pose for a selfie with the Fremont Troll. But don't publish that photo, even online; the artist responsible for the troll is notoriously litigious.

3405 Troll Ave N, free



The Best Museums in Seattle

Everything from Dinosaur Bones to Contemporary Art. By Jen Graves



Frye Art Museum

First Hill

The Frye isn't the biggest art museum in Seattle but it's the most special. It used to be a place where you saw a measured display of staid old oil paintings that never changed, but now the Frye devotes most of its space to new and fresh exhibitions of new and old art. In the new category, you're going to see everything from video and installation to sculpture, painting, and drawing, sometimes by great, living Seattle artists responding to this world and moment we're all in. Shows that focus on older works usually bring unexpected perspectives, thanks to strong thinkers working behind the scenes at the museum. Even the familiar oil paintings are now hung salon-style, in an imitation of the way the museum's founders actually hung them in their home. ("Salon-style" is a fancy way of saying they're all hot and bothered up against each other from floor to ceiling; the display becomes an experience.) This is a place you can cover in an hour and feel satisfied. Don't miss the pleasures of the architecture, starting with

the dreamily heavy doors. Bonus: Admission and parking are free, always, which is a miracle.

704 Terry Ave, 206-622-9250, free, fryemuseum.org

Burke Museum

University District

Older than any other museum in Washington, this is the University of Washington's natural history and anthropology museum. It has collections of species and objects in the areas of (ready?) Native American history and culture (this is a major highlight and you should run, not walk, to the Burke for this reason alone), arachnology and entomology (spiders and bugs), botany (including an herbarium), genetic tissue (!), herpetology (reptiles and amphibians), ichthyology (fish), malacology (mollusks), mammalogy (from humans to bats-did you want to know how hard a bat can bite?), ornithology (birds), every manner of fossil dating back 530 million years, and, you know, rocks.

4331 Memorial Way NE, UW Campus, 206-543-7907, \$10, burkemuseum.org



Seattle Art Museum

Downtown

When you visit a West Coast art museum that presents itself as having every type of art from all over the world and through recorded time, you should remember that the older East Coast of this country sifted through and took most of the best art before we had any shot at it. So no, you won't find the most famous paintings and sculptures at SAM. What you're looking for is passion in presentation, intelligence in selecting the pieces, and strengths and highlights. SAM has a gleaming zoo of a Porcelain Room to die for. A giant tank of a double-height gallery is where especially big works shine, and the room, and the works, are always beautiful. A good array of art from the 20th-century mainstream, pre- and post-contact Native America, early-colonial-and-beyond American, and African art from all across the vast continent (plus a few glimmering Australian aboriginal paintings you shouldn't miss) are on perpetual display. A little-known fact about SAM is that its lobby is very big and very welcoming, and open to anyone, free of charge, without paying admission, so that you can just hang out and watch First Avenue go by outside the windows. (Also SAM, like most museums in Seattle, has free wi-fi.) SAM's strengths often come from good ideas by the curators, but Seattle is a genuine powerhouse in Asian art, so if that's your true love, you should go straight to SAM's sister Asian Art Museum up in leafy, gorgeous Volunteer Park (1400 E Prospect St) to see its collections. Like the Frye, AAM is a gem. Its Art Deco building erected in 1933 is a work of art in itself. And the sculptures, paintings, ceramics, textiles, snuff bottles, and more span centuries and come from China, Japan, India, Korea, Southeast Asia, the Himalayas, the Philippines, and Vietnam. The building is pure jazz. 1300 First Ave, 206-654-3100, \$19.95,

seattleartmuseum.org

Museum of History & Industry

South Lake Union

The Museum of History & Industry lives in a relatively new building shaped like a hollowed-out ship that juts out over the water of Lake Union. MOHAI (you say "MO-hi") contains every cool bit of history Seattle has, basically, and displays lots of it in an atrium that is very, very long and four stories tall, with balconied mezzanine levels where exhibits go. It's a fetching environment, and then come the collections, from the huge old Rainier beer "R" sign to the original sketch for the Space Needle, along with airplanes and a golden lighthouse beacon and more, more, more—all of it tracing the placeness of this place. This is the most Seattle of all Seattle museums. It's fun, and it's got plenty for history buffs, too.

860 Terry Ave N, 206-324-1126, \$19.95, mohai.org

The Wing

International District

The Wing—short for the Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience—should be on the national shortlist for best cultural museum in the nation. It has rich collections of materials from Asian Pacific American communities both local and national. It is extremely handsome, located within a reimagined historical single-room-occupancy hotel actually used by workers who arrived in Seattle from faraway places to get jobs on the railroads, or in the restaurants, or to open their own shops and restaurants, some of which still remain here. (The neighborhood where the museum is located is also the very place from which Japanese Americans in Seattle were routed and sent to internment camps during World War II.) Not only all that but the Wing is also in the International District, which I'd recommend for a visit to everyone who visits Seattle, and the museum gives neighborhood tours (and tours of the old hotel rooms upstairs). The history here is lived and ongoing.

719 S King St, 206-623-5124, \$14.95, wingluke.org

Northwest African American Museum

Central District

When you think of Seattle, do you think of Jimi Hendrix? Quincy Jones? The Black Panthers? Somalia and Ethiopia? African Native Americans? You should, and you should also think of artists like Xenobia Bailey, Jacob Lawrence, James Washington Jr., Barbara Earl Thomas, Marita Dingus, C. Davida Ingram, Tariqa Waters, Maikoiyo Alley-Barnes, Noah Davis, Kahlil Joseph, and many, many more. Seattle is getting whiter all the time but it is not as white in reality as it is in the imagination. African American culture here is deep, long, and passionately told here at the museum. 2300 S Massachusetts St, 206-518-6000, \$7, naamnw.org

Henry Art Gallery

University District

The University of Washington's on-campus museum is the place to go for wide-ranging contemporary art, and its photography collection is especially strong (though not comprehensively exhibited; you might visit the collections room and ask what you can see, because the staff there is friendly and happy to see you). Expect several exhibitions at any given time, in any medium. Especially: Rest and meditate at James Turrell's "Skyspace," a rounded room on stilts with a hole in the ceiling through which you can look at the sky.

4100 15th Ave NE, 206-543-2280, \$10, henryart.org









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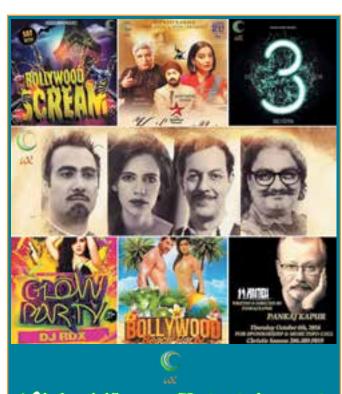
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3014 NW 67th St, 206-789-5707 nordicmuseum.org

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9404 E Marginal Way S, 206-764-5720, museumofflight.org

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918 H St SE, Auburn, Wash., 253-288-7433 wrvmuseum.org

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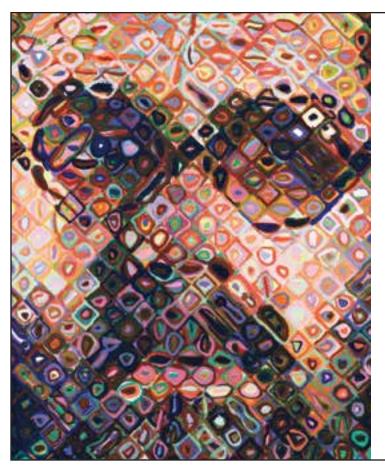
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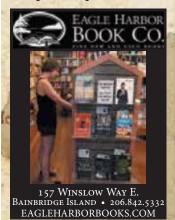








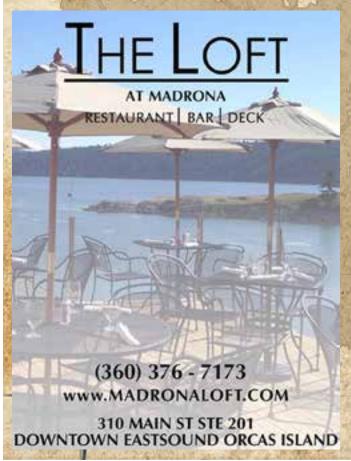
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A Guide to Seattle's Gay Scene

Places to Hang Out, Places to Drink, and Places to Have Filthy Sex. By Christopher Frizzelle





In General

You're going to want to be on Capitol Hill. Though there are gay people in every neighborhood, Capitol Hill is where you'll find almost all of Seattle's gay bars, gay stores, cruisey eye contact, and crosswalks painted the colors of the rainbow.

BARS

Pony

The only gay bar in Seattle with a fire pit also has the best gay-bar bartenders, the best DJs, the best DIY shows, the best deck, and the best wall decor: reproductions of gay male porn stars wheat-pasted to the walls—i.e., huge dicks everywhere you turn. Plus, there's a photo booth. Plus, there's a glory hole. What more do you want? Go-go dancers? They have go-go

dancers on weekends. Karaoke? They have karaoke on Tuesday nights. Once I showed up on a Tuesday, and the entire cast of a touring production of *The Book of Mormon* was there singing their brains out. A word to the wise: The later you show up to Pony, the more crowded it will be.

1221 E Madison St, 206-324-2854, ponyseattle.com

The Eagle

The leather bar with the best music, hands down. They also have underwear parties, a urinal trough, and a screamingly fun party the third Friday of the month called Dickslap. Above, their patio.

314 E Pike St, 206-621-7591, seattleeagle.com

Madison Pub

A sports bar for men who like men. They have

TVs, darts, pool, video games, and pull tabs. It's popular, crowded, and unpretentious. 1315 E Madison St, 206-325-6537, madisonpub.com

Diese

Just steps away from Madison Pub and Pony, this bear bar caters to guys who've been around the block.

1413 14th Ave, 206-322-1080, dieselseattle.com

Wildrose

The only bar in the city for women who date women has a screaming deal on tacos on Tuesdays—\$1 for beef or bean tacos, \$2 for chicken tacos, and \$2 Tecates. On Wednesday night, there is karaoke at 9 p.m., and on Thursdays, well drinks are only \$3.

1021 E Pike St, 206-324-9210,

thewildrosebar.com

Neighbours

This is where the dancing happens. Raised platforms, go-go cages, disco lights, etc. Once a stalwart testament to enduring gayness, Neighbours these days welcomes more and more breeders. But with more than 30 years under its belt—the place is older than most of its clientele—Neighbours still hosts plenty of queer nights, and you'll find a range of sexual expression and orientation on the dance floor. Also, often, entire bachelorette parties. Plus: talent competitions, drag queens, and Seattle's longest running Latino dance night on Sundays. 1509 Broadway, 206-324-5358, neighboursnightclub.com

R Place

Three floors of gay bar with dancing up top, R Place also hosts frequent drag performances by Robbie Turner, Lady Chablis, and others. 619 E Pine St, 206-322-8828, rplaceseattle.com

The Cuff

A leather bar that's frequently crowded with kinksters, jocks, pups, poz socials, and guys willing to shine your shoes. It also has a large outdoor patio. Seattle Men in Leather meet at the Cuff, and lots of gay sports teams have their social functions there. 1533 13th Ave, 206-323-1525, cuffcomplex.com

CC Attle's

The best night to visit this gay bar is the first Saturday of the month—kink night. Guys dress up in the most amazing stuff (or sometimes very little at all). On other nights, go for the slide show of naked men on the TVs, the pool tables, darts, and inexpensive bar food.

1701 E Olive Way, 206-726-0565, ccattles.net

Purr

With men in shiny shirts, pink neon lights, and Madonna on the sound system, this bar will make you feel like it's the '80s again.

1518 11th Ave, 206-325-3112, purrseattle.com

SHOPS

Babeland

Vibrators on display, classes on everything from rope bondage to strap-ons to erotic massage, and a friendly staff, Babeland is perfectly suited to women who date women, women who date men, and women who date both—but guys, straight and queer, are welcome too. It's nice to be able to test out your lube before you buy it.

707 E Pike St, 206-328-2914, babeland.com

Doghouse Leathers

A must-stop shop for kinky dudes, this place recently doubled its square footage. They have handmade leather apparel, pup supplies, bondage toys galore, dirty magazines, and a sexy staff.

1312 E Pike St, 206-257-0231, doghouseleathers.com

PUBLIC SEX AND BATHHOUSES

It used to be that Volunteer Park was overrun with bush bunnies, but the truth is, times have changed: Most people who want sex right now just get it through their smartphones. Nevertheless, if you want to tromp around an outdoor setting making eye contact with strangers for old time's sake, Volunteer Park is your best bet. (Forewarned is forearmed: Being naked in Seattle is not illegal, but "lewd conduct"touching yourself or someone else who is naked—is.) For sanctioned public indoor sex, there are two bathhouses in town: Steamworks caters to a slightly younger crowd than Club Z, but both are for filthy

Volunteer Park, 1247 15th Ave E; Steamworks, 1520 Summit Ave, 206-388-4818, steamworksbaths.com/seattle; Club Z, 1117 Pike St, 622-9958, thezclub.com







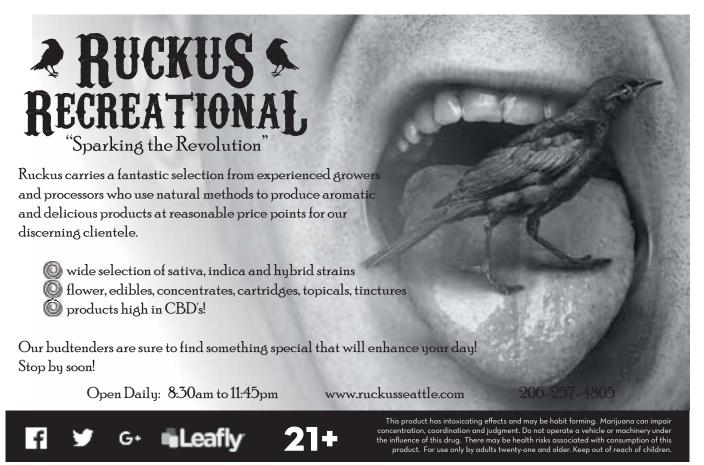




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Your Essential Literary Itinerary

Seattle Is One of the Most Literate Cities in the Country-Here's How to Make the Most of It. By RICH SMITH



Elliott Bay Book Company

Capitol Hill

Elliott Bay Book Company is Seattle's version of biblio-metropolises such as NYC's the Strand and Portland's Powell's. But instead of walking around a cold, cosmopolitan store, you get to walk around a warm, spacious, creaky treehouse. The cafe is in the back and has plenty of outlets, plus good cake. Four comfy chairs sit in the center of the store, right next to the well-curated poetry section and the well-populated fiction section. The children's area is tops. The basement hosts daily readings from big-time and medium-time and small-time authors. It's part marketplace, part cathedral, part kitchen, all home.

1521 10th Ave, 206-624-6600, elliottbaybook.com

* Other beloved bookstores that host daily readings: UNIVERSITY BOOK STORE, THIRD PLACE BOOKS, SEATTLE MYSTERY BOOKSHOP.

Open Books

Wallingford

That a poetry-only bookstore exists in the

first place is a testament to the strength of the literary communities we have in Seattle. You can find almost everything in this little shop, from first-edition stuff to zines and chapbooks and magazines.

2414 N 45th St, 206-633-0811, openpoetrybooks.com

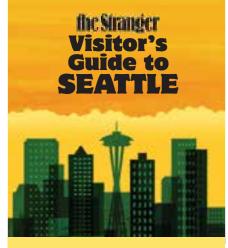
Suzzallo Library

University District

You have to be a University of Washington student to check out books, but no one will stop you from walking through UW's historic Red Square, climbing the stairs to the library's giant doors, walking up the Grand Staircase, and entering the glory of the Reading Room. Light filtered through 35-foot-tall stained glass windows dapples good oak tables and book-lined walls. Iron chandeliers hang from timber-vaulted ceilings. If there was a god, it would read here. University of Washington campus,

206-543-0242, lib.washington.edu/suzzallo

* Plus: Only a few blocks away is **UNIVERSITY BOOK STORE**, which, as mentioned, hosts readings all the time, and MAGUS BOOKS, my favorite used



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bookstore in the city and a good place to find leather-bound tomes and weird maps.

Central Library

Downtown

It's gorgeous. Just go look. 1000 Fourth Ave, 206-386-4636, spl.org/locations/central-library

Hugo House

First Hill

To borrow a phrase from Dana Ward, Hugo House is one of the many-gendered mothers of Seattle's books scene. It's a literary center that hosts innovative readings with touring and local authors, one-day classes, six-week classes, even the occasional play. There's a bar. As of this writing, the House is occupying an interim space on First Hill until it returns to Capitol Hill in 2018, in much swankier digs.

1021 Columbia St, 206-322-7030, hugohouse.org

Silent Reading Party

First Hill

Invented by one of the editors at *The* Stranger, the reading party takes place every first Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. That's when the Fireside Room at the Sorrento Hotel goes quiet and fills with people. By 6:15 p.m., you often can't get a seat. Everyone brings whatever they feel like reading and sits there and reads, silently, to themselves, while waiters bring them things and Paul Matthew Moore plays piano softly and exquisitely. He's amazing. The music goes until 8 p.m. This party is all ages and it's free.

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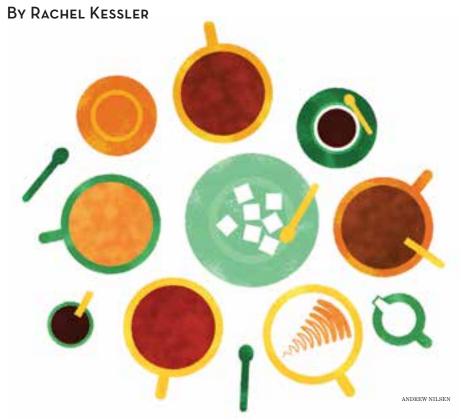
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A Highly Opinionated Guide to Neighborhood Coffee Shops

Here Are the Places That Locals Love.



offee shops in Seattle function as social clubs, community forums, shared office space, and study centers. Even the most utilitarian place offers mind-boggling overheard conversation and fascinating people watching. In my opinion, Starbucks' coffee tastes burned and people look dumb walking around drinking coffee out of giant paper cups like they're constantly at a high-school kegger. Espresso is best sipped scalding hot from a ceramic cup without a weird plastic sippy-cup lid filtering it through a petroleum product. Try it.

That said, if you're going to go to a Starbucks, there is one I recommend. It's not the very first Starbucks (in Pike Place Market) or the Starbucks Reserve Roastery & Tasting Room (1124 Pike St), but a Starbucks in the Central District (read on to find out why).

I also recommend leaving earbuds out. Ask your barista about her cafe's specialties. Check out the art on the walls, scan

the bulletin board for open mics and shows. Some of the city's best up-and-coming music and literature happen in these places. Share a table with a stranger. It might be an awe-inspiring art legend, like the time I sat down next to the great Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright August Wilson in a coffee shop without realizing it. Bring a book or sketch pad and hang out for a while.

DOWNTOWN

For a taste of old Seattle, visit **BEDLAM** (2231 Second Ave). This place harks back to the Belltown neighborhood's pre-boom era, when World Pizza had punk shows and before the Speakeasy Cafe burned down. This is the real deal—no foam hearts or a bunch of fluffing about sources. Just really good espresso-rich and complex. Comfy couches, plenty of tables, and an old upright piano give this place a living-room feel. Not a hipster in sight. They make toast and pie. It's on the north end of downtown. If



you're on the south end of downtown, go to **ZEITGEIST** (171 S Jackson St), a big open industrial-chic space with exposed brick right around the corner from King Street Station, where Amtrak trains arrive and depart.

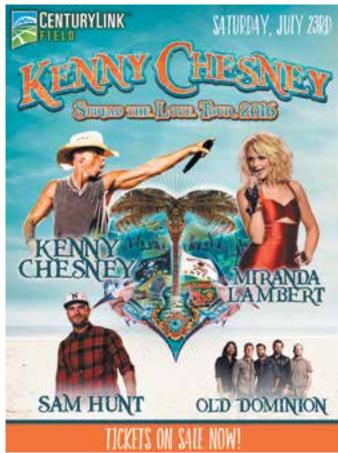
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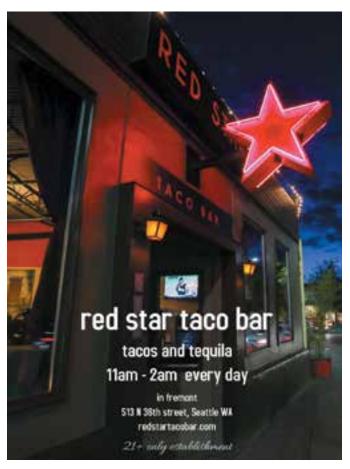
Anyone who's really into coffee should order the Cafe Nico (a macchiato made with half-and-half, orange twist, and cinnamon) at VIVACE's sidewalk bar (321 Broadway E), where latte art was invented. Want to eat a crepe in a beautiful old stone building at a teeny table under trees like you're in France? **JOE BAR** (810 E Roy St), a few blocks north on Broadway, is a jewel: resplendent people watching, brilliant local art, and screenplay-inspiring eavesdropping. Father east, up the hill, VICTROLA CAFE ON 15TH (411 15th Ave E) is a favorite for locals: ample seating and tables, a row of chairs outside for morning sun worship, and kind baristas who enthusiastically discuss the coffee they roast at their Pine Street location. Also: Mystic Kombucha and ginger beer on tap. Just a few steps away from Victrola is ADA'S TECHNICAL BOOKS AND CAFE (425 15th Ave E), which is Seattle's Cheers for proudly self-identifying geeks. Settle in among the carefully curated selection of books and games to snack on house-made treats and wholesome salads. Another bookstore cafe I recommend, if you're closer to Broadway: LITTLE ODD-**FELLOWS** (1521 10th Ave) in the back of Elliott Bay Book Company, where you can sit and write your novel for four hours and eat a baguette sandwich. For Seattle's best cold brew on tap, visit the legendary CAFFE VITA (1005 E Pike St) right around the corner on Pike Street. Many of the baristas there are drag queens in their off-hours.

CENTRAL DISTRICT

A neighborhood favorite that serves great espresso (three to four selected coffee roasters) pulled without pretense, TOUGO









COFFEE (1410 18th Ave) encourages lingering at shared tables, with plenty of power outlets and strong wi-fi. If you have toddlers in tow, there is a sunken disco/tov room where kids cavort under the mirror ball. But it's in the back, like a bar for children, so they can't bother the rest of us with their partying. Truly family friendly but chill, not awash in boogers and screaming. Want a waffle with your coffee? Visit CORTONA CAFE (2425 E Union St), a tiny but well laid out and neighborly place. BROADCAST **COFFEE** (1918 E Yesler Way) roasts its own beans and hosts the occasional middle-school jazz ensemble.

If you find yourself in Mount Baker, stop by QED COFFEE (1418 31st Ave S) and get high off their 14-hour cold brew or house-made spicy chai. If all this coffee fetishization makes you want to just watch some serious chess, check out STARBUCKS on 23rd and Jackson (2300 S Jackson St). This is the most happening Starbucks, maybe in the world: There are hilarious and friendly baristas who are always swamped, swarms of middle schoolers, people arguing about politics in many languages, and parking-lot shenanigans. You can hang out for hours, and they won't even notice if you don't buy anything.

BEACON HILL

THE STATION (2533 16th Ave S) is the soul of Beacon Hill. Everyone knows each other, and if they don't, they will soon. The coffee is good and strong with that rare magical unicorn: free refills! Cozy and dog friendly, the tiny cafe expands into a sunny patio. They put on a real block party, support the local hiphop scene, and host poetry readings.

COLUMBIA CITY/ RAINIER VALLEY

While not officially a coffeehouse, COLUMBIA CITY BAKERY (4865 Rainier Ave S) serves excellent Herkimer coffee. Try the savory pretzel roll or the brilliant pistachio-frangipane-filled snail. Further south on Rainier Avenue, the light-filled TIN UMBRELLA COFFEE (5600 Rainier Ave S) roasts delicious coffee. The peaceful scene is highly conducive to studying. Learn a bit about the birthplace of coffee culture and check out new Rainier Valley neighborhood hub CAFE AVOLE (6630 Rainier Ave S), serving Ethiopian coffee in traditional jebena buna table service. Ethiopian-style coffee is brewed in pottery jugs and is meant to be shared. Try the tibs sandwich-Philly cheesesteak meets classic Ethiopian spices in a sandwich that is the epitome of community.



WEST SEATTLE/ WHITE CENTER

West Seattle used to be its own town, and it still feels far away from the rest of Seattle, especially when you're stuck in bridge traffic. So don't leave! Hang out at UPTOWN **ESPRESSO'S GAMEPORIUM** in Delridge (3845 Delridge Way SW). Loiter at C & P COFFEE (5612 California Ave SW), West Seattle's living room. Or pull up to a table at White Center's DUBSEA COFFEE (9910 Eighth Ave SW).

U-DISTRICT/ROOSEVELT/ WALLINGFORD

In the University District, wander down the alley behind Magus Books for some caffeine and theory at CAFE ALLEGRO (4214 University Way NE), Seattle's oldest coffee shop. Tables and philosophy majors abound. Over on Roosevelt Way, and 15 blocks north, funky CAFE RACER (5828 Roosevelt Way NE) is open late with live music some nights and monthly Dune comic-drawing jam sessions. If you find yourself stuck in Wallingford, you could do worse than **ZOKA** (2200 N 56th St): This Seattle chain is always crowded, but regulars know the drill. Super friendly baristas and patrons will even help get you settled in the dimly lit laptop scene. No one will bat an eye if you order a micro-foamed lavender mocha or a two buck cup of decent drip.

FREMONT/BALLARD

Fremont boasts it is the center of the universe. This is very apparent in joints like MILSTEAD & CO. (900 N 34th St), where pilgrims come to double down on coffee

wankery, near the famous Fremont Troll. If you're on the hungry side, settle in at VIF (4401 Fremont Ave N) for some French-inspired snacking with your pour over. The menu changes every week, featuring dishes like ful, a Middle Eastern fava bean stew topped with fresh peas, radishes, and mint, served with the perfect six-minute egg and homemade yogurt.

If you're in Ballard and need to rent a table workstation for the price of a cup of coffee, CUPCAKE ROYALE AND VERITE **COFFEE** (2052 NW Market St) is there for you. If you want amazing small-batch French pastry that people stand in line for—the line goes out the door—go to CAFE BESALU (5909 24th Ave NW). If you want to skip the line, head on over to HONORÉ ARTISAN BAKERY (1413 NW 70th St) for the kouign amann (a salty sweet crispy croissant situation), cannelé (custard baked into a cake with a carmelized crust), and macarons.

GREENWOOD

PRESERVE & GATHER's vision—pickles and coffee!—is the most exciting thing happening in Greenwood (358 NW 85th St). The employees here bake in the morning and pickle things and make jam in the afternoon. Shared tables encourage hilarious conversations about subjects ranging from Captain EO to health insurance. If you want to talk about the mechanics of espresso machines and pulling the perfect shot, swing by **HOME ESPRESSO REPAIR** (6501 Phinney Ave N)—a repair shop with two tables and a knowledgeable owner. Parking in the back lot is hazardous. This is a fascinating place to stop in for some La Pavoni ogling while chatting and sipping a doppio.



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Your Essential Stoner Itinerary

Seattle Is the Amsterdam of the United States-Here's Where to Buy Weed and What to Do Once You're High. By Tobias Coughlin-Bogue



ow's your visit going so far? I hope you're enjoying Seattle and its many culinary and cultural delights. More importantly, I hope you're enjoying the metric ton of legal weed our beloved Emerald City has to offer. Are you 21? You must be 21. Already holding? No? Let's change that.

There are pot shops in just about every neighborhood these days, but, since you are a tourist and all, you should visit the city's first pot shop, CANNABIS CITY, in Sodo. It's a pot shop like any other pot shop, but the legalization of weed was a historic moment, making Cannabis City a historic place.

Or choose any recreational marijuana store near you. There's one not far from Cannabis City called **DOCKSIDE CANNA-BIS SODO** that makes a great destination. In addition to being easy on the eyes and endowed with a great selection, it's home to a portion of the fascinating Wirtshafter Collection, a private assemblage of pre-prohibition cannabis medicine bottles.

Aside from those two stores, the city is home to a variety of excellent pot shops. There are so many worthy ones, but some of my favorites are PONDER, RUCKUS, STASH, and ORIGINS. A longer list is on p. 46.

If you're from a place where pot comes in a crumpled up ziplock bag handed to you under a table, you might find yourself floored by the selection here. I often walk into pot stores, turn 360 degrees, and think, "I kinda miss the ziplock days." However, despite being a stick in the mud, I've warmed up to the legal cannabis industry's vast array of products.

Explaining the nuances and distinctions of the various strains of flower (that's what we call weed here) is what your budtender makes a little under \$15 an hour to do (tip them, please).

While you're in Seattle, I also recommend that you sip a cup of CATAPULT coffee, make yourself a mocktail with a **LEGAL** soda, eat one of **SPOT**'s pot cookies, and maybe even try some weed lube,



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depending on who you're traveling with. Worth noting: The guys who make Catapult coffee, FAIR-WINDS MANUFACTURING, are coming out with an Emergen-C-style packet that's got the perfect blend of vitamins, THC, and CBD to instantly zap any hangover you might incur. (Speaking of incurring hangovers, did you know you're in a hop-loving city and that the terpenes in hoppy IPAs can actually enhance the effects of cannabis? Now you do!)

Once you've got some cannabis, here are a few things to know. You can't have a ton of it, just an ounce of flower, 16 ounces of edibles, 72 ounces of marijuana-infused liquid products, or 7 grams of concentrates or extracts. Having it is the easy part, actually. Finding a place to smoke it is more convoluted.

Currently, there's no system set up for public consumption of cannabis. Seattle is not like Amsterdam in this one way: No smoking, vaping, or eating pot outside of the context of a privately owned home or a cannabis-friendly apartment building is allowed here. But, while not technically legal, if you find yourself a nice park and no one's nearby and no one's looking, well, you'll be just like the locals.

Seattle has a small selection of cannabis-friendly bed-and-breakfasts (google it), but they are prevented by city law from knowingly allowing you to consume on the premises. Meanwhile, none of the major hotels in the city allow smoking. As a city official explained the weird state of the rules right now: "Seattle's ordinance requires businesses allowing consumption of marijuana on their premises to have a license for that activity. However, these licenses do not currently exist, though they could if state law is changed."

Wherever you end up smoking it, just be sure you're away from the fray. As the deputy city attorney put it: "If you brazenly walk around Green Lake or through Westlake Plaza or Pike Place Market smoking a joint around a crowd of people, one of them is much more likely to complain, causing you to be the subject of enforcement." While the ticket for such enforcement is paltry enough to be worth getting almost as a souvenir—a mere \$27—not being a jackass is more important. If someone sees you blowing smoke in the faces of kids here in Seattle, you're way less likely to see legalization measures pass wherever it is you're visiting from.

IF YOU'RE 21, YOU'RE **ALLOWED TO POSSESS AN OUNCE OF** FLOWER, 16 **OUNCES OF** EDIBLES, 72 **OUNCES OF** MARIJUANA-**INFUSED LIQUID** PRODUCTS, OR 7 GRAMS OF **CONCENTRATES** OR EXTRACTS.

Things to Do... On Weed

ow that you've got weed and hopefully consumed it discreetly and respectfully, you should go do things. This visitor's guide is chock-full of things to do, but now you can do them... on weed. You're not allowed to get behind the wheel of a car, though. Keep that in mind.

For a glimpse into the complex journey that the legal pot you've been enjoying takes on its way to your lungs, take a KUSH **TOUR** (kushtourism.com). From my many years in the hotel industry, I can tell you that many city tours can be horrible. The Kush Tour, however, is great. Most tours boast that they're the best way to see the city, when that is usually the furthest thing from the truth. The Kush Tour, in contrast, can legitimately boast that it is the best way to see behind the scenes of the legal weed industry, as it grants you access to facilities that would be otherwise closed to the public.

Some other ideas:

RAINIER GLASS STUDIO (rainierglassstudio.com) in Seattle's Georgetown neighborhood-worth visiting for El Sirenito's fish tacos alone—will walk you through the process of making your own bong for

If you're lucky enough to be in Seattle when the Goodship edibles company (thegoodship.com) hosts its ACADEMY OF



go. The idea is that everyone gets stoned beforehand, and then a guest speaker talks about something heady to a roomful of stoned people. Past topics have included infinity, artificial intelligence, monogamy, and space tourism. The snacks are always bomb, too.

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If you want to learn more about how to use that weed lube, among other weedy, sexy things, make it out to one of Dockside budtender Chelsea Cebara's excellent SEX

AND CANNABIS WORKSHOPS, put on in conjunction with awesome local sex-toy shop Babeland (babeland.com). There's a raffle for a fancy dildo, and they always provide free bubbly. It's a no-brainer.

Or take a trip to Seattle's Central District, home to two pot shops and two excellent places to get fried chicken. Coincidence? I think not. Grab a pre-roll from **UNCLE IKE'S** or **PONDER**, stroll down a secluded backstreet to **EZELL'S FAMOUS** CHICKEN (ezellschicken.com), order up a feast, find a perch atop the strange brutalist structures across the street, and dive into fried chicken so good that Oprah once had it sent to Chicago. If you prefer a sit-down experience, or just an opulent sweet-andsavory assault on your taste buds, head over to FAT'S CHICKEN AND WAFFLES (fatschickenandwaffles.com) instead.

Or as an alternative, catch a movie at CENTRAL CINEMA (central-cinema.com), where they play everything from classic movies to anime films to Seahawks games. Whatever's on is guaranteed to entertain, plus they offer a full menu of drinks and food delivered to your seat in the screening room. Grab a beer or glass of wine, some snacks, and the obligatory popcorn—and take a moment to contemplate just how goddamn glorious life can be as you melt away into stoner heaven.

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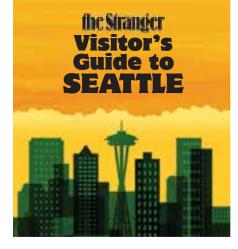
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FOOD EVENTS

Ballard SeafoodFest

Celebrate seafood at this traditional (since 1974) Ballard festival, offering fresh local catches alongside music, arts, a beer garden, family activities, and a skate event. Ballard, July 9-10, free.

Bite of Seattle

Come to Bite of Seattle for bites from more than 60 local restaurants, plus cooking demos, wine and cider tasting, and a beer garden. There will also be five outdoor music stages and a free Bite Movie Night

on Friday. Seattle Center, July 15-17, free.

Strawberry Festival

Celebrate strawberries (and Vashon Island) at the 107th Vashon Island Strawberry Festival, featuring a parade, classic car show, live music, vendors, an "alternative carnival," music, dancing in the street, and arts activities. Vashon Island, July 15-17, free.

Salmonfest Seattle

Celebrate one of Seattle's favorite foods at this three-day festival, which will feature the Lake City Salmon Bake on Friday, a street festival on Saturday and Sunday featuring live music, food, and beer gardens,

and a car show on Sunday. Lake City Community Center, Aug 5-7, free.

Harvest Fair

At this community festival, you'll have the chance to eat fresh food, attend workshops, check out cooking demonstrations, and participate in urban farm activities. Meridian Park, Sat Aug 6, 10 am-4 pm, free.

Sunset Supper

Enjoy one of Seattle's most iconic attractions from a different perspective at this 21st annual celebration. After the market closes for the day, some of the best local restaurants, breweries, wineries, and







distilleries, will take over in order to help raise money for the Pike Place Market Foundation. Plus, local chefs will be in attendance, and you can expect music from Seattle treasure Grace Love and the True Loves. Pike Place Market, Fri Aug 12, 7:30-11 pm, \$135/\$150.

Taste of Main

Head to the Eastside and sample some of the food, drink, and shopping that Bellevue's Main Street has to offer while helping to raise funds for the **Detlef Schrempf Foundation** and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue. A \$45 "passport" for the event includes up to 10 wine tastings, food samples, and special services from participating businesses, plus a swag bag and wine glass. Main Street, Bellevue, Sat Aug 20, 12-5 pm, \$15/\$45.

Seattle Street Food Festival

Head to South Lake Union to check out over 100 local food trucks (including Ezell's Famous Chicken Express and Sam Choy's Poke to the Max) at the fourth annual Seattle Street Food Festival. South Lake Union Discovery Center, Aug 20-21, free.

Night Market and **Autumn Moon Festival**

This night market is mostly about food, and will host more than 30 food trucks, plus offer chances to try bites from local booths and restaurants. But in addition to the nosh, they'll also have other handmade goods, fresh cut flowers, and live music and dance from local groups. Chinatown-International District, Sat Sept 10, 6 pm-midnight, free.

Trucktoberfest

Presented by The Mobile Food Rodeo, the second annual Trucktoberfest has a large selection of food and drink from local food trucks and breweries, live music, games, and more, plus an outdoor film series and a family-friendly day on Sunday. South Lake Union Discovery Center, Sept 30-Oct 2.

An Incredible Feast

This evening of gourmet food has lofty goals: to benefit local farmers and increase low-income shopping access. They'll have a silent auction, games, Washington wines and brew, a special dinner, and more. Center for Urban Horticulture, Sun Oct 16, 6-9 pm, \$125.

BOOZE

Seattle International **Beerfest**

Look forward to trying new brews at this weekend full of people celebrating beer: specifically, beer that's "rare, hard-to-find, and exotic...no matter what the cost or where they're from." Sample from more than 220 beers on the grounds underneath the Space Needle, and, if you're overwhelmed by the choices, there will also be \$3 pints of Pilsner Urquell. Fisher Pavilion, July 8-10, \$25/\$40.

Proof: Washington Distillers Festival

Sample craft gin, whiskey, vodka, bourbon, and other spirits from more than 40 Washington distillers, and then purchase your favorite. Local restaurants (including Theo Chocolate and Uli's Famous Sausage) will also provide savory and sweet bites. Fremont Studios, Sat July 9, 5:30-9 pm, \$45/\$65.

New Belgium Brewing's Clips Beer & Film Tour

Enjoy an evening of short films alongside a selection of New Belgium beers. Don't hold back on the brews—all the proceeds of beer sales will go towards local nonprofits. Gas Works Park, Fri July 29, free entry.

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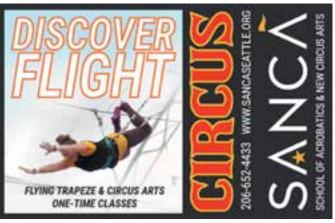
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from the Paul Green Blues Band, Rod Cook and Toast, Barleywine Revue, and the Stacey Jones Band at the third annual Brew Five Three. Broadway, between 9th and 11th, Tacoma, Sat Aug 13, 1-8 pm, \$10-\$25.

Everett Craft Beer Fest

More than 30 Washington breweries will show off more than 100 beers at this craft beer event, also featuring live music and a festival feel. Downtown Everett, Sat Aug 20, 12-7 pm, \$20/\$25.

Cider Summit Seattle

This traveling cider festival presents two days dedicated to celebrating the best ciders from around the world. Location to be announced, Sept 9-10.

Fremont Oktoberfest

At Fremont Oktoberfest, you'll have the chance to try more than 80 different microbrews in their sports bar and "Buxom Beer Garden," and enjoy a festival-style celebration of beer and Lederhosen. In keeping with tradition, kids are absolutely invited on Sunday, when they'll have children's activities, games, music, and more. Fremont, Sept 23-25, \$20-\$35.

Kirkland Oktoberfest

Described as "Seattle's largest authentic Oktoberfest tradition," the Kirkland Oktoberfest boasts more then 45 local and imported beers, Uli's famous sausage, wiener dog races, a home-brew competition, and live bands performing across two stages. Marina Park, Kirkland, Sept 23-25, \$15-\$40.

Brew at the Zoo

This 21+ only event allows guests to recreate the childhood magic of the zoo with beer from over 40 breweries, including imports, domestics, microbrews, and even ciders. Woodland Park Zoo, Thurs Oct 6, 6-9 pm, \$27-\$67.

LIVE MUSIC

Chateau Ste Michelle **Summer Concert Series**

Every year, Chateau Ste. Michelle, a winery established in 1912, lays out a full summer season of music legends and cultural luminaries to grace their beautiful landscape of flowing wine. From Tears for Fears to Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons, this stacked lineup occurs in single shows every few days from May to September. Make sure to get there early to do a free tour and tasting. Chateau Ste. Michelle, Woodinville, through Sept 16.

Chittenden Locks Summer Concert Series

Grab a blanket and head to the Ballard Locks for their annual free public summer concert series—a great chance to check out a classic Ballard tourist destination and see some live music at the same time. Enjoy performances from symphonic bands, show choirs, jazz trios, and more in the gardens. Hiram M. Chittenden Locks, through Sept 17, free.

Marymoor Park Summer Concert Series

Redmond, which is generally a 15-minute drive from downtown Seattle, is home to the Microsoft Visitor Center and the 640-acre Marymoor Park, where this annual outdoor concert series takes place. This summer's lineup includes Willie Nelson (July 23), Weezer and Panic! At the Disco (July 29), and a '90s concert including Salt-n-Pepa and Coolio (Aug 27). Marymoor Park, Redmond, through Sept 1.

ZooTunes

ZooTunes is a 30-plus-year Seattle tradition that brings big-name artists to the North Meadow of the Woodland Park Zoo. The summer lineup includes The B-52s, Weird Al Yankovic, Ziggy Marley, and

more. Kids are welcome, and can play in the Seattle Gymnastics Academy play area, but, if you're attending without kids, there are also two beer gardens. Woodland Park Zoo, through Aug 24, \$32.50-\$269.

Northwest Heavy Fest

Devil's Child Records present Northwest Heavy Fest, two whole days (nights, really) of hard hot fuzz straight to your dome. This year's throwdown features INFINITE FLUX, Mother Crone, Teacher, Teepee Creeper, Mos Generator, Year of the Cobra, X SUNS, Mammoth Salmon, and Sower. Substation, July 7-8, 8 pm.

Chinook Fest Summit

Enjoy three days of live music from artists like Whitney Monge, the Fame Riot, and Magic Giant nestled within the setting of what Chinook Fest describes as "the Great Outdoors." To make it a truly summery experience, camping is available all weekend, as well as water and trail equipment rentals. Summit at Snoqualmie, Snoqualmie Pass, July 8-10, \$50-\$450.

Timber! Outdoor Music Festival

If you're already planning to rent a car, consider driving to the Timber! Outdoor Music Festival, a combination of outdoor adventures and great live music. There will be a 5K run, swimming, mountain biking, stargazing, tree-climbing, and more, plus an all-star line-up including Langhorne Slim & the Law, Telekinesis, Deep Sea Diver, The Moondoggies, and The Maldives. Tolt-McDonald Park, Carnation, July 14-16, 8 pm, \$30-\$55.

Basin Summer Sounds Music Festival

Basin Summer Sounds is far to the east of Seattle, but it's the largest free contemporary music and arts festival in the

Northwest. The two-day festival showcases both local and international acts, including the Country Lips, the Nick Drummond Band, Barrett Baber, and The Railers, on the lawn of the historic Grant County Courthouse. Plus, there will be live music performances, kid-focused events, visual arts, and a charity basketball tournament. **Grant County Courthouse** Grounds, Ephrata, July 15-16, free

JamFest 2016

Expect live music sets, cabaret performances, art, and food in Seattle's historic International District. The cover charge gets you into all involved music venues, as well as admission for Wing Luke's exhibits. Wing Luke Museum, Thurs July 21, 5:30-9:30 pm, Thurs Aug 18, 5:30-9:30 pm, \$5-\$8.

Cascadia NW Arts & **Music Festival**

Starborne presents Cascadia NW Arts & Music Festival at the **Masonic Family Campgrounds** in Granite Falls, about an hour northeast of Seattle. It's an entire weekend to camp out and enjoy live music, interactive art, workshops, performances and artisan vending. In their words: "Family Friendly and Party Approved." Masonic Family Campground, Granite Falls, July 21-24, \$180-\$215.

Chateau Ste. Michelle's **Festival of Jazz**

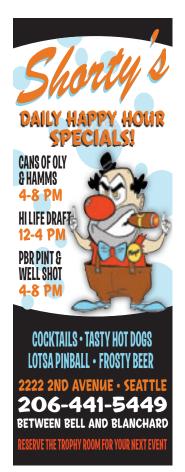
Head to the wine country for a whole day of live jazz classics and new interpretations from featured artists: singer-songwriter Nellie McKay, R&B and jazz songwriter and performer Bobby Caldwell, jazz vocalist Madeleine Peyroux with her trio, Jonathan Butler (singer, guitarist, and avid golfer), and Gerald Albright, on saxophone and bass guitar. Chateau Ste. Michelle, Woodinville, Sat July 30, 2 pm, \$45-\$65.

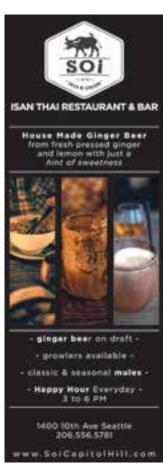




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Wine Country Blues Festival

If blues is more your thing, Chateau Ste. Michelle will also have a whole day of blues greats today, featuring Shemekia Copeland, The James Hunter Six, Mavis Staples, and The Robert Cray Band. Chateau Ste. Michelle, Woodinville, Sun July 31, 3 pm, \$45-\$65.

Pizza Fest 2016

Returning for another year of greasy chaos, Pizza Fest reigns supreme as one of the rowdiest, most ridiculous events to attend in Seattle. Grab a slice, throw some bows, and make friendships that'll last a lifetime, or whatever the punk kids are doing these days. The lineup includes Boyfriends, Steal Shit Do Drugs, and Violent Human System, and there will be a pizza-eating contest. The Funhouse, Aug 4-6, \$10-\$30.

Doe Bay Fest 2016

For the ninth year running, Doe Bay Fest will attract outdoorsy-types to its charmingly exclusive cove on Orcas Island for several days of music, food, and dancing. This year's line-up includes regional notables like The Flavr Blue, Kris Orlowski, Thunderpussy, and many, many more. Doe Bay Resort, Olga, Aug 4-8, \$150.

Summer Meltdown

Nestled in the mountains of central Washington, Summer Meltdown aims to provide a weekend of high energy live music performances in a lush woodland setting. Featured artists include Blue Scholars, Griz, STS9, and many more. *Darrington Bluegrass Music Park, arlington, Aug 11-14, \$75-\$195.*

107.7 The End Summer Camp 2016

Summer Camp is alternative radio station 107.7 The End's version of Warped Tour: all the bands you hear on the radio, but actually in the flesh

on stage at Marymoor Park, playing all the hits. This year's lineup features The Dandy Warhols, AWOL Nation, Young The Giant, and many more. Marymoor Park, Redmond, Aug 13-14, \$84-\$199.50.

Tenth Annual North City Jazz Walk

Combine your three favorite activities (listening, eating, walking) at the 10th Annual North City Jazz Walk this August. Shoreline pulls out all the stops with Jazz Bites—a selection of food treats from local eateries—and the Jazz Walk itself—a showcase of local and international jazz musicians, playing for your pleasure as you stroll down 15th Ave NE. Shoreline, Tues Aug 16, 6-10 pm.

Bumbershoot 2016

Bumbershoot, Seattle's biggest music, comedy, and arts festival, will take over Seattle Center for Labor Day weekend this year for the 46th year. The headliners include former locals and now big-time stars Macklemore and Ryan Lewis and Death Cab for Cutie, and Stranger music critic Dave Segal also recommends non-local acts Kamasi Washington and Reggie Watts. There's also plenty of local talent on the bill, including Erik Blood, Chastity Belt, So Pitted, Lisa Prank, and Maiah Manser. Hot tips: wear comfortable shoes, stay hydrated, and make sure to get an Elephant Ear, because when else during the year can you feel good about eating a giant, fried, cinnamon-sugar pastry? Seattle Center, Sept 2-4, \$180-\$2999.

Oak Harbor Music Festival

Enjoy the beauty of Whidbey Island to the tune of three whole days of free music, courtesy of groups like Fly Moon Royalty, Penguin Prison, and The Fame Riot. Whidbey Island, Sept 2-4, free.

Chinook Fest Central

After their July festival, Chinook Fest throws another festival in September with music, food, and some of the finest roots rock, blues, Americana, country and folk artists out there. This year spotlights Naomi Wachira, Country Lips, Broken Lights, and many more. Friday and Saturday are for the grown-ups, but Sunday's festivities are all ages. Jim Sprick Community Park, Naches, Sept 9-11, \$85-\$200.

COMMUNITY

Seafair

Every year, this iconic summer festival that started in 1950 puts on dozens of events throughout Seattle, including multiple parades, cultural celebrations, and community parties. Other highlights include Seafair Pow Wow Days (July 15-17), which showcases traditional Native American culture; the Seafair Milk Carton Derby (July 16), in which watercraft made of milk cartons compete for prizes on Green Lake; Fleet Week (August 3-7), during which naval ships are docked in Elliott Bay for tours; Seafair Torchlight Night (July 30), a nighttime parade that starts at 7:30 pm at Seattle Center and features over 100 community floats and 150,000 spectators; and the culminating Seafair Weekend (August 5-7), during which U.S. Navy Blue Angels planes do daring aerial stunts (and frequently scare pets and children with the roar of their up-to-700-mph engines), a hydroplane race, wakeboarding, and live entertainment. Various locations, through Aug 21.

West Seattle Summer Fest

This newish street festival, held in the West Seattle Junction, is like a gentler version of some

of Seattle's more intense music festivals, for people over 25. There's live music, shopping, a kids' play area, and, of course, an adults' play area, aka a beer garden. West Seattle Junction, July 8-10, free.

Tacoma Pride Festival

Seattle Pride has come and gone, but The City of Destiny continues the celebration in July, with LGBTQ events including the family-friendly celebration Out in the Park, a gueer fem con, and a block party featuring DJs, dancers, and food trucks. Tacoma, July 8-9. free-\$35.

South Lake Union Block Party

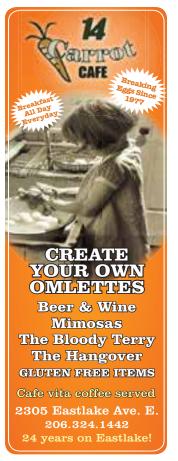
Every year, the neighborhood of South Lake Union throws itself a party, featuring diverse musical pleasures from local band talents, as well as food trucks, a grilling competition, beer garden, letterpress salon, a "Best Burger in SLU" competition, and more. This year's headliner will be Beat Connection, with additional sets from Hibou, The True Loves, Lemolo, and Danny Newcomb & The Sugarmakers. South Lake Union Discovery Center, Fri Aug 12, 11 am-11 pm, free.

Washington State Fair

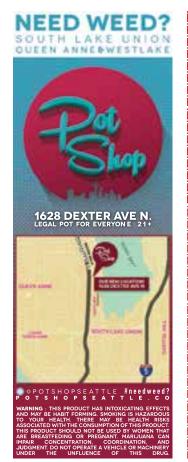
The State Fair will have rides, baby animals, rodeo shows, the "world's largest mobile bar" serving local craft beers. free cultural shows, and the Columbia Bank Concert Series, headlined by artists including Kid Rock, Smash Mouth, and Flo Rida. There's also a fair share of art, including a "Celebrate Life in Washington" fine arts show, an International Photo Salon exhibit, agricultural art displays, and live demonstrations by regional artisans. Washington State Fair Events Center, Puyallup, Sept 2-25, \$12.50.

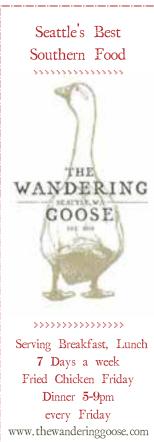
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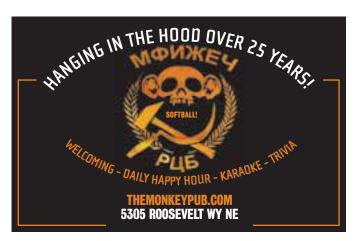














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Make fishing-inspired art projects, talk with community members, eat barbecued salmon, compete in the oyster slurp or salmon fillet contest, and raise money for the Seattle Fishermen's Memorial Foundation at the annual Fishermen's Fall Festival. Fishermen's Terminal, Sat Sept 24, 11 am-6 pm, free.

Seattle Children's Festival

The Seattle Children's Festival is a day-long community celebration that will offer live music, dance performances, workshops, arts and crafts, and more, all with the theme of "Celebrating Our Big Neighborhood." Seattle Center, Sun Oct 9, free.

ART

TUF Fest

TUF, a Seattle-based intersectional female/non-binary/ trans collective whose name is not actually an acronym, is throwing their first ever multimedia summer festival, TUF Fest. Filling Judkins Park with visual art installations, workshops, artist talks, and live music performances, TUF aims to spotlight female and non-binary electronic music artists who may not receive attention, space, or funding for their work elsewhere. This event is free, accessible, and open to the public. *Judkins Park, Sat July 9, 12-10 pm, free*.

Seattle Outdoor Theater Festival

For the 16th year, eight local theater companies will present 16 performances outside at Volunteer Park on Capitol Hill, including multiple Shakespeare plays, the 14/48 Projects' The Siblings Grimm, Jet City Improv's The Lost Folio, and Theater Schmeater's Raggedy Ann and Andy. Volunteer Park, July 9-10, free.

Alki Art Fair

Located on beautiful Alki Beach in West Seattle, this large community fair offers juried art, three stages of music, and lots of food. Alki Beach, July 23-24, 10 am-6 pm, free.

Renegade Craft Fair

The second annual Renegade Craft Fair in the former aircraft hangar in Magnuson Park will have hundreds of makers selling their wares, DIY workshops, food and drinks, and more special events. Magnuson Park, July 23-24, 11 am-6 pm, free.

Seattle Art Fair

Last summer, Paul Allen said, "Let there be Seattle Art Fair," and it was good. This summer



its second incarnation has more galleries—83—including New York titans David Zwirner and Pace, plus LA heavy hitter Roberts & Tilton, plus New York stalwart Marlborough, and many, many more coming from Asia, Europe, and the East Coast as well as a still-healthy contingent from Seattle and Portland. Bring comfortable shoes. CenturyLink Field Event Center, Aug 4-7, \$20-\$250.

Out of Sight

While the Seattle Art Fair fills CenturyLink Field's events center with more paintings, sculptures, photographs, and drawings than you thought possible, Out of Sight will occupy the nearby third floor of the historic King Street Station clocktower with more than 21,000 square feet of art by local artists. You should go to both, but, if you have to choose one, go to Out of Sight and buy art magazines to see pictures of what was over at the Big Fair. Throughout the rest of August, the gallery will also be open on weekends from noon-6 pm. CenturyLink Field Event Center, Aug 4-7, \$10-\$100.

The Pancakes and Booze **Art Show**

Check out painting, mixed media, photography, sculpture, drawing, and graffiti by over 60 artists at the Pancakes & Booze Art Show, which yes, will have

both pancakes and booze on offer, as well as draws including audio and visual performances and live body painting. El Corazon, Sat Aug 13, 8 pm-2 am, \$5.

Seattle Tattoo Expo 2016

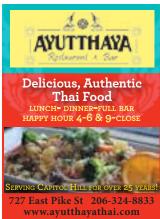
Hidden Hand Tattoo will host this gigantic tattoo expo, where quests will have the opportunity to become familiar with new artists and styles, mingle and shop, and generally see what kinds of things people are drawing on their bodies. Fisher Pavilion, Aug 19-21, \$20/\$50.

Arts in Nature Festival

The Arts in Nature Festival presents a series of acoustic, unplugged performances by musicians, dancers, actors, and other performers, set against the most beautiful backdrop: real nature. Thankfully, you don't have to go further than West Seattle to experience it. Camp Long, Aug 20-21, \$10-\$16.

Seattle Design Festival

The annual Seattle Design Festival is a two-week-long event that brings together architects and designers from around the city to celebrate "the ways design makes life better." Last year's festival featured over 40 workshops, performances, talks, parties, and more events, and this year's festival—with a theme of "Design Change"—is



an eco boutique for women and men









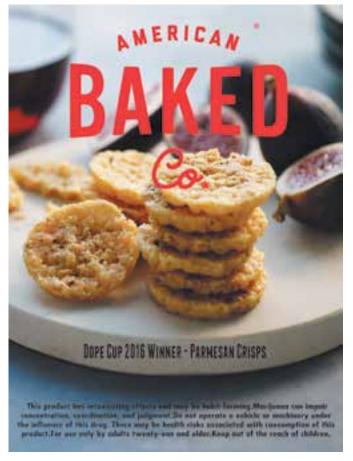
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expected to be even bigger. *Various locations, Sept 10-23*.

SketchFest Seattle

SketchFest will bring almost ten days of comedy to Seattle in September, with a curated selection of acts performed in theaters all over town. *Various locations, Sept 15-24*.

AMDEF 2016

AMDEF's annual summer blowout returns to Neumos for a collaboration of "Art, Music, Dance, Entertainment, and Fashion," hence the title. Their aim is to partner talents from different creative communities to create content that would match up for over six hours of unique showcases connected to each discipline. Neumos, Sat Sept 17, 8 pm-2 am, \$15.

Short Run Comix & Arts Festival

Now in its sixth year, Short Run is a massive celebration and marketplace, with vendors selling all manner of art and comics and whatever else fits under that creative umbrella. There's typically a dance party or music show afterwards, and mainstays like Cold Cube Press, APRIL, and Fantagraphics are sure to make an appearance. Fisher Pavilion, Sat Nov 5, free.

WEED

25th Annual Hempfest

Expect vendors, musical guests, weed in every form, and a whole lot of social activism at this year's Hempfest. Heralded as "the premier flagship event of global cannabis culture," Hempfest brings people together to trumpet cannabis policy reform and support of a more lenient mainstream attitude towards all things hemp-adjacent. Myrtle Edwards Park, Aug 18-21, \$10 suggested donation.

Highlarious Comedy Festival

Combine comedy and cannabis at the Highlarious Comedy Festival (conveniently timed for Hempfest weekend), when Seattle will collectively get a bad case of the giggles. No smoking required—all you need to do is not hate weed, and you'll be welcome. Northwest Film Forum and Eclectic Theater, Aug 18-21, \$10-\$45.

FILM FESTIVALS

Noir City 2016

In the words of Stranger Film Editor Charles Mudede, "If you love cinema, then you must love film noir. And if you love film noir, then you must love the Noir City festival, which comes to Seattle this week and will feature a number of known and less known movies in this genre that has lots of spiderlike women, lots of long knives, lots of rooms with dark curtains, lots of faces of the fallen, and lots of existential twists and turns." SIFF Cinema Egyptian, July 22-28, \$15/\$150.

Local Sightings

This annual festival celebrates new film of all genres from Pacific Northwest filmmakers, and includes juried prizes, parties, and talent scouts. *Northwest Film Forum, Sept 22-Oct 1*.

TWIST: Seattle Queer Film Festival

The 21st year of the Seattle Lesbian and Gay Film Festival brings new films as well as a new, more inclusive name: Twist, the Seattle Queer Film Festival. There will be 10 days of screenings at a variety of venues across Seattle, showcasing the diversity and impressive talent of queer filmmakers and queer films from around the world. Various locations, Oct 13-23.



GEEK & GAMING

Anglicon 2016

This Doctor Who and British media convention is subtitled "Bigger on the Inside," so, if you understand what that means, join other Whovians for this convention that will feature celebrity guests, panels, a scarf contest, trivia olympics, and more. Guests scheduled to appear include Dan Starkey (who plays Sontaran nurse Strax) and Annette Badland (who plays Margaret Blaine, aka Blon Fel-Fotch Passameer-Day Slitheen). The DoubleTree Hotel Seattle Airport, Aug 5-7, \$80-\$300.

PAX West 2016

PAX West is an annual convention in Seattle devoted exclusively to gaming, and, since it started in 2004, it has become one of the two largest gaming events in North America, along with its Boston spinoff, PAX East. The convention features panels, an exhibit hall, new game demonstrations, and special guests, but tickets for this year's event sold out the day they were announced. As the event

approaches, however, we'll have a full calendar of PAX-re-lated events that don't require a badge at strangerthingstodo. com. *Various locations, Sept 2-5*.

Steamposium

It's a three-day celebration of all things steampunk, so bust out your finest clockwork corsets and reserve some zeppelin parking down at the waterfront. The weekend's schedule includes tea tastings, costume balls, burlesque shows, panels on everything from absinthe to penny dreadfuls, celebrity meet and greets, dance lessons, and a steampunk parade. Washington State Convention & Trade Center, Sept 23-25, \$25-\$60.

Sherlock Seattle Convention

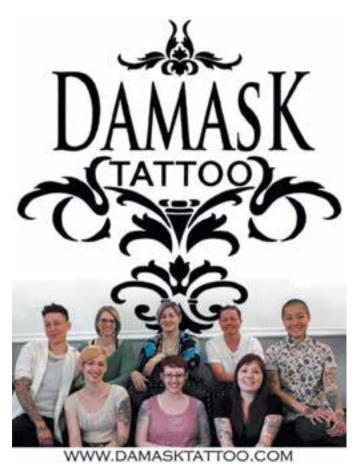
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cosplay contest, Sherlock Show
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and more. Broadway Performance Hall, Oct 21-23, \$45/\$65.

CULTURE

Polish Festival Seattle

The fifth annual festival honors the Polish Highlands with food and drink, music and dance, exhibits and workshops, and more. Treat your tastebuds to smoked sheep's milk cheese (oscypek), tap your toes to Polish folk songs, and take on activities including cabbage roll (gołabki) cooking classes and wycinanki (paper cutout art) workshops. Seattle Center Armory, Sat July 9, 11 am-7 pm, free.

Dragon Fest

Chinatown-International District's Dragon Fest will bring together dragon and lion dances, taiko drumming, martial arts demonstrations, and other groups for "non-stop cultural performances" and "the largest pan-Asian celebration in the Northwest—on the weekend of July 16-17." Plus, don't miss the food walk, during which more than 40 restaurants will offer \$3 bites. Chinatown-International District, July 16-17, free.

Seattle Arab Festival

The Arab Center of Washington presents its annual celebration of Arab culture. Music, dance, and food (including an Arabic coffee shop) will all be featured, along with a traditional bazaar, children's activities, and cultural information booths providing a larger picture of the 22 Arab countries. Seattle Center, July 23-24, free.

Pista sa Nayon

This one-day Filipino festival has food, entertainment, arts and crafts, games for kids, and more cultural activities. The organizers describe it as a "quintessential family reunion on a grand scale," and invite everyone to participate. Seward Park Amphitheater, July 31, 9

am-8 pm, free.

Umoja Fest 2016

The Umoja Fest African Heritage Festival and Parade, which takes its name from the Swahili word for "unity," has been a Seattle tradition since the 1940s. The festival starts with Children's Day—which includes arts and crafts, dancing, and storytelling—and continues throughout the weekend with a heritage parade on Saturday, a basketball tournament, the Northwest Urban Hiphop Music Fest, and more. Judkins Park, Aug 5-7, free.

Iranian Festival

Presented by the Iranian American Community Alliance, the Iranian Festival is now in its 10th year. Learn about the cultural roots and contemporary influences of Iran through live performances, visual arts, a Rumi poetry showcase, hands-on activities, an Iranian tea house, a variety of foods, children's games, and a marketplace. Seattle Center, Sat Aug 13, free.

Viking Days

This Nordic festival has tons of traditional food and drink, plus entertainment including performance and interactive activities—they'll even have a Viking Encampment with "weaving, weapon-forging, and war!" Nordic Heritage Museum, Aug 20-21, free.

BrasilFest 2016

This annual festival of all things Brazilian will throw out drumming, dancing, music of every regional genre, and so much food, drink, and general merriment, along with workshops and exhibits of cultural information and local practices. Seattle Center, Sun Aug 21, 12-7 pm, free.

Tibet Fest

Experience the ancient and modern histories of Tibet through live performances, group dances, visual arts,

hands-on activities like Sand Mandala creation, games, and a lively marketplace full of diverse foods and herbal medicines. Seattle Center, Aug 27-28, free.

San Gennaro Festival

This festival ("like an Italian Street fair") promises Italian food, drink, and performances, plus kids' activities. 1225 S Angelo St, Sept 9-11, free.

Live Aloha Hawaiian **Cultural Festival**

Experience what it means to "live aloha" with hula and mele performances, Hawaiian music, ono food, and lei-making workshops with members of the 50,000 person strong Pacific Northwest Hawaiian Islander community. Seattle Center, Sun Sept 11, free.

Seattle Fiestas Patrias

Enjoy the many cultures and traditions of the wide array of Latin American countries represented at this celebration. Experience live mariachi music, cooking demos, visual arts, a children's soccer demo, a vendor marketplace, and more. Seattle Center, Sept 17-18, free.

Festa Italiana 2016

Celebrate the spirit of the Italian people with tiny Greyhound pup parades, food everywhere, live music, a grape stomp, kids' activities, and chef demos. Seattle Center, Sept 24-25, free.

CroatiaFest

Experience the wonder that is Eastern Europe with CroatiaFest, a celebration of the people, traditions, and cultural touches of Croatia, with food, dance, music, and a crafts marketplace. Seattle Center, Sun Oct 2, free.

St. Demetrios Greek Festival

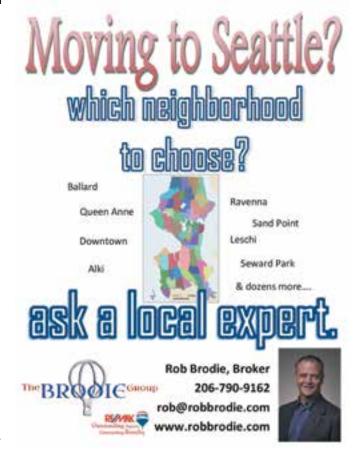
At this annual Greek festival. try delicacies from calamari to baklava, enjoy live music from Taki and the Mad Greeks, and watch dance performances from a variety of groups. They also promise wine tasting, kids activities, and more, St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, Oct 7-9.

TurkFest

Enjoy a vision of the contemporary influences and cultural touchstones that make up modern day Turkey, in the forms of live music, dancing, food, visual arts, and an authentic Turkish tea house. Seattle Center, Oct 15-16, free.

Dia de Muertos: A **Mexican Celebration to** Remember Our Departed

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